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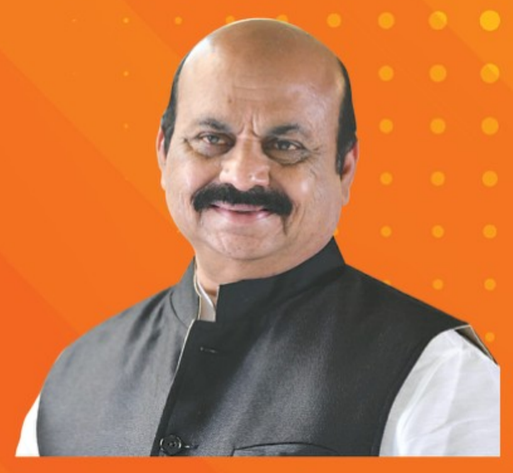
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojane
(PM Kisan - Karnataka)



Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Release of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Scheme's 2022-23's second instalment of **Rs. 975 crore** to bank accounts of **48,75,000 farmers** is being flagged off by Hon'ble Chief Minister **Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai** today (21.03.2023).

Place: Mudhol, Bagalakote District

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) is a GoI scheme that provides income support to the families of landholding farmers in India.

This scheme provides supplemental financial support to the farmers to procure various inputs related to agriculture and allied activities and their domestic needs.

Under the scheme, a total of Rs. 10,000, which includes Rs. 6,000 assistance provided by the centre and Rs. 4,000 (in two instalments of Rs. 2,000) additional assistance of the State Government, is transferred to the beneficiary family through DBT.

Since the beginning of the scheme (since August 2019), GoK has given financial aid of Rs. 4,821.37 crore to 50.35 lakh beneficiaries.

March 23, 2023

- Release of 2nd instalment of the special community corpus fund of Sthree Samarthya Yojane to beneficiaries
- Release of Donations collected under Punyakoti Dattu Yojane for the protection of livestock in Goshalas

Amount transferred (In crore Rs.)

Year	Beneficiaries	Amount transferred
2019-20	45,28,735	905.75
2020-21	49,18,973	983.79
2021-22	50,35,650	1,975.12*
2022-23	47,83,562	956.71**
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*Two instalments **First instalment of 2022-23

As enshrined in our Constitution, - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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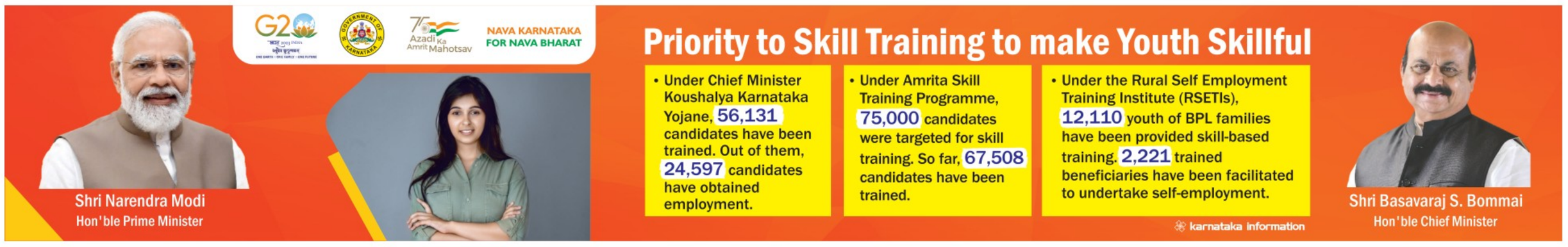

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Undermined by absolutism
Blinkered advisories need to be questioned
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Kerala HC rules as void election of LDF MLA A. Raja
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Rahul Gandhi announces 'Yuva Nidhi' for the jobless

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi announced the 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme, that offers a monthly allowance to unemployed youth in the State, during the Yuva Kranti rally here on Monday. The rally is part of preparations for the Assembly polls, the dates of which are expected to be announced in the coming days.

This is the fourth "guarantee" announced by the Congress before the polls. The party claims that these promises will help families in various ways.

Under the first guarantee of Anna Bhagya, each poor family will get 10 kg of foodgrains every month. In Gruha Jyoti promise, every family will get 200 units of power for free.

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Kishida calls for unified stand on global order

Japanese Prime Minister discusses Ukraine issue, G-7 and G-20 agendas and bilateral ties with PM Modi during his visit to India to launch the 'New Plan for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific'

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Russia's war in Ukraine "obliges" Japan and India to take a common stand on the importance of maintaining the international order, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said here on Monday.

Mr. Kishida and PM Narenda Modi discussed coordinating the agendas of the G-7, to be held in Hiroshima in May, and the G-20, to be held in Delhi in September, on a number of issues like debt financing, food and energy security.

Mr. Modi accepted Mr. Kishida's request to be one of the special invitees to the G-7 summit of the world's seven most developed countries on May 19-21. Among other special invitees announced on Monday are leaders of Brazil, Indonesia, Australia, South Korea, Vietnam, the Cook Islands and Comoros.

Deepening ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese PM Fumio Kishida at Buddha Jayanti Park in New Delhi. PTI

Mr. Kishida's remarks were significant as they came the same day Chinese President Xi Jinping landed in Moscow to discuss the Ukraine conflict with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I explained in detail to Prime Minister Kishida about the priorities of India's G-20 Presidency. Giving voice to the priorities of Global South is an important pillar of our G-20 Presidency," said Mr. Modi, in a statement at Delhi's Hyderabad House after their meeting. "The India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership is based on our shared democratic values, and respect for the rule of law in the international arena," he added.

"I reaffirmed with Prime Minister Modi our commitment to strongly upholding international order based on the rule of law," said Mr. Kishida, adding that views of the G-7 and G-20 groupings concur on issues like "development finance, food security, climate change and energy".

Speaking to journalists, Japanese Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs Noriyuki Shikata said Mr. Kishida was "straightforward" about the fact that no country should "condone" a unilateral change in the status quo anywhere in the world.

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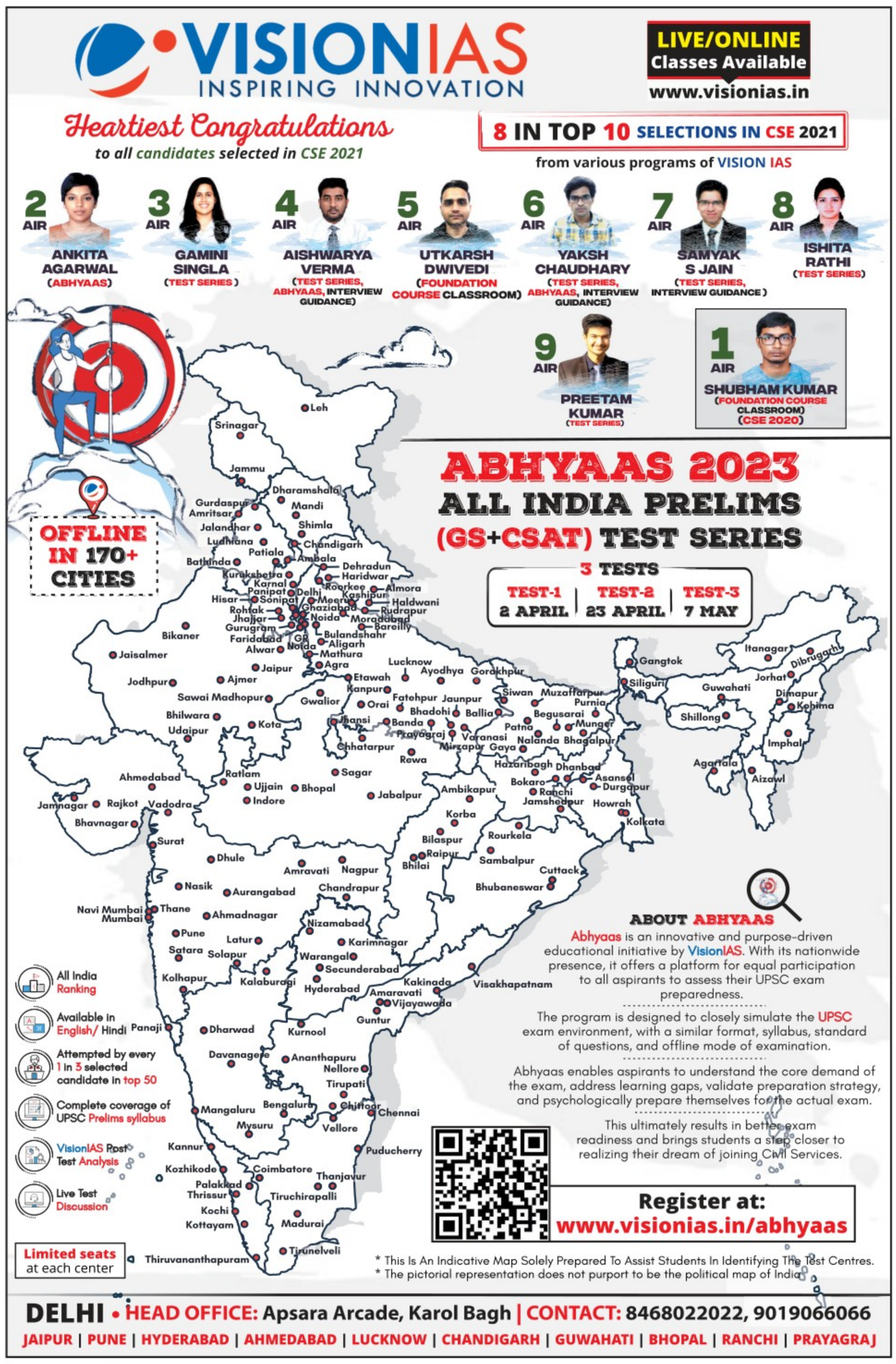
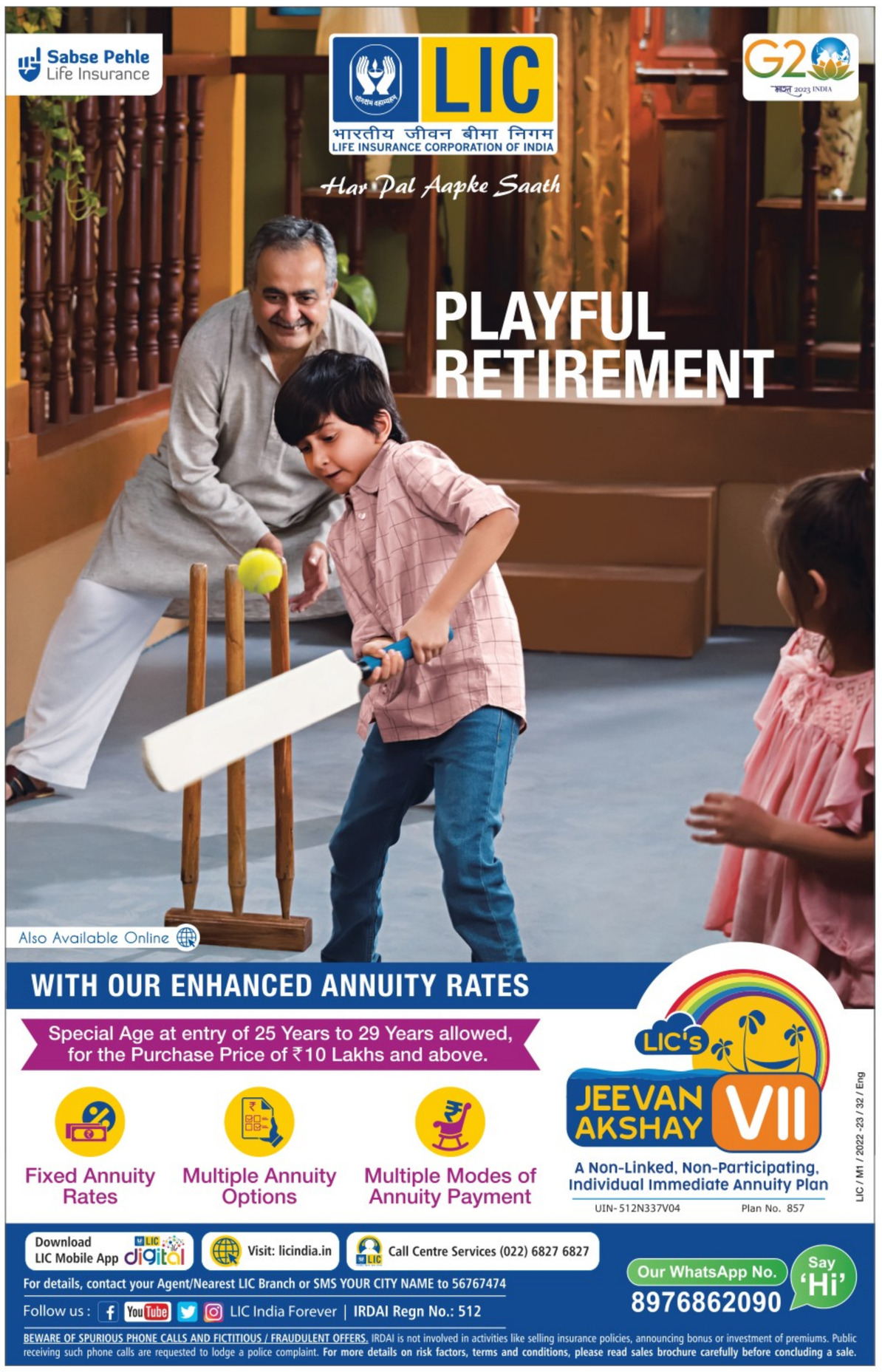
Munirathna backtracks on film

BENGALURU
A day after announcing the launch of the movie *Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda* under his production house Vrushabhavati Productions, Minister Munirathna on Monday announced that he will not go ahead with the production. » PAGE 6

Storage in dams sees a dip

MYSURU
The gross cumulative storage across the four major dams in the Cauvery basin in Karnataka has dropped to 50% of its total capacity. The cumulative storage across the four dams on the same day last year was 72.72 tmcft which was almost 64% of the capacity. » PAGE 4





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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The tax demands raised under the black money law

13,566 In ₹ crore during the last four financial years. The Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed that 349 assessment orders were passed in the last four fiscals under the Black Money and Imposition of Tax Act, 2015. PTI

The women personnel serving in the Indian Army as on March 1

7,093 Women personnel. The Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said that 6,993 of the women were serving in the Army Medical Corps, Army Dental Corps and Military Nursing Service, while 100 women were serving in other ranks. PTI

The decline in gross NPAs in public sector banks in Dec. 2022

5.53 In percentage. The Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat K. Karad informed that gross non-performing assets (NPA) decreased from 14.6% in March 2018. He added that the aggregate profit of all PSBs increased to ₹70,167 crore in April-December of FY23. PTI

The rise in rape cases reported to the NCW in the last three years

1,710 cases. There has been an increase in the number of dowry, rape, and attempt to rape complaints received by the National Commission for Women, according to Minister Smriti Irani. NCW received 1,681 rape-related complaints in 2021. PTI

Delhi's share of all ONORC transactions in India since 2021

70 In percentage. The Economic Survey of Delhi report said that under the scheme, 5.21 lakh migrants on average received ration in 2022-23. The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme provides intra-state and inter-state portability of ration cards. PTI

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A boost to the zoonoses theory

What are the two theories with regards to the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus which caused the COVID-19 pandemic? What is the recent evidence which has been unearthed? What are its implications? Why is it important to know where the virus came from? Has the debate finally settled?

EXPLAINER

Ramya Kannan

The story so far:
In the never-ending debate about the origin of the virus that set off the COVID-19 pandemic, there is now fresh grist for the mill for those who have held out for the zoonotic angle – that the infection skipped from animals to humans. Undisclosed genetic data from a food market in Wuhan has been unearthed and is being used to support the zoonoses theory over the lab leak theory. These findings were presented to the Scientific Advisory Group for the Origins of Novel Pathogens, an expert body constituted by the WHO.

What is this fresh theory about?
According to *Science*, Florence Débarre, who specialises in evolutionary biology at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in France, discovered the data which consists of genetic sequences posted in GISAID, a virology database, by Chinese researchers.

The Chinese team had reportedly collected samples from the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market, which has been, since 2020 notoriously connected to a cluster of early COVID-19 cases. They had, in February 2022, posted a preprint with a graph that showed several environmental samples from the market containing the virus which also had human genetic material. It was this that Debarre had stumbled upon. It also reported that these sequences were later removed on the request of the authors.

The paper also records the response of George Gao, former head of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC), to the question why the sequences were not made public earlier: Gao said the sequences are "[n]othing new. It had been known there was illegal animal dealing and this is why the market was immediately shut down." It goes on to document early published research from Gao and team that proposes that humans brought the virus to the market, having

Source of answers: A woman walks in front of the closed Huanan seafood market in 2020. AFP

detected that some of the samples that tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 had human DNA, but none other. On the contrary, the evidence in front of the WHO now is that "some coronavirus-positive samples collected contained DNA or RNA from raccoon dogs, civets, and other mammals now known to be highly susceptible to SARS-CoV-2."

Michael Worobey, Head of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Arizona, who has been independently researching the twin theories, says the path of evidence leads up the zoonosis path, and not of the lab leak. Writing in the *LA Times* last week he said: "There is now a large body of peer-reviewed scientific research consistent with a zoonotic origin of this pandemic. However, there is no credible, peer-reviewed research pointing to a lab leak. Had the evidence gone in the other direction, I'd be reporting that. But it hasn't." Worobey and team used cellphone mobility data to indicate that the Wuhan market was an unlikely location for the world's first cluster of COVID cases, unless it was also from where the virus emerged.

U.S.-based virologist Angella Rassmussen of the International Vaccine Centre who studies the struggle between host and pathogen, in an interview to *NPR* last week said: "I think we're all open to the fact that evidence could emerge that shows that it didn't come from the market – that it came from a lab. And I think every good scientist is going to be open to that. That's literally our job – is to try to make our hypotheses not true, to falsify them – as my colleague says, to kick the tires of those hypotheses and see if they work. And so far, that hypothesis about the market origin has stood up."

Is it important to analyse origins?
The main theoretical dualism that the world has contended with since the COVID-19 pandemic is the origin question – lab leak or zoonoses. In a letter in *Science* journal published nearly two years ago, scientists urged the scientific world to keep an open mind about both the theories, on the ground that they remained viable. They also called upon public health agencies, and researchers to make their data and analyses open to the public. It is expected that the recent genetic data that was presented to the WHO will also find its way to a peer-reviewed journal. *Science* quotes Worobey, who also attended the WHO meeting, as saying: "We are hoping to be able to talk more about our analyses once they're completely wrapped up very soon."

Is this the final word on the origin question?
Clearly, there will be many more pow wows in the future, most raucous on social media perhaps, as researchers on both sides of the dichotomous question endeavour to gather evidence to support their theory. This divisive debate will not die down; it is likely to continue until sufficient evidence emerges to arrive at a single cause.

Critics of the animal transmission theory are demanding specifics and details on the 'spill over' while virologists say it would be impossible to get that level of data. With post facto research alone guiding the investigation, the scrutiny will likely continue. But will there be sufficient nails to drive all speculation that is sans evidence into the ground? This remains to be seen.

THE GIST

- Undisclosed genetic data from a food market in Wuhan has been unearthed and is being used to support the zoonoses theory over the lab leak theory.
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Are foreign law firms now allowed in India?

What are the Rules for Registration and Regulation of Foreign Lawyers and Foreign Law Firms in India, 2022? How is this move mutually beneficial to Indian and foreign lawyers?

Sonam Saigal

The story so far:
Five years after the Supreme Court allowed foreign law firms and foreign lawyers to visit India on a temporary period for giving legal advice to their clients, the Bar Council of India (BCI), a statutory body governing legal practice in India, has framed Rules that allowed them to open offices in India.

What did the Supreme Court say?
On March 13, 2018, a division bench of Justices A.K. Goel and U.U. Lalit had ruled that foreign law firms or foreign lawyers cannot practise law in the country either on the litigation or non-litigation side. However, the court said that there was no bar on foreign law firms or foreign lawyers visiting India for a temporary period for giving legal advice to their clients. The court had also asked the BCI to make appropriate rules in this regard.

What are the Rules?
On March 10, the BCI notified the Rules for Registration and Regulation of Foreign Lawyers and Foreign Law Firms in India, 2022. This will enable foreign lawyers and law firms to practise foreign law, international law, international arbitration, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property matters etc on a reciprocal basis. The Rules mention, "This would also help to address the concerns expressed about the flow of Foreign Direct Investment into the country and would help make India a hub for international commercial arbitration. Foreign lawyers and firms have to submit an undertaking that they shall not practise Indian law in any form or before any court of law, tribunal, board or any other authority legally entitled to record evidence on oath". The legal fraternity in India is not likely to suffer any disadvantage in case law practice in India is opened up to foreign lawyers in a restricted and regulated manner. This is mainly because the principle of reciprocity in the Rules ensures that it would be mutually beneficial for lawyers from India and abroad.

What powers does the BCI have?
For foreign lawyers and firms to practise in India, a primary qualification is required in the form of a certificate by a competent authority of their country which states that they are entitled to practise law in that country. Their registration in India with the BCI is mandatory and must be renewed every five years. Moreover, the BCI has the right to refuse to register any foreign lawyer or law firm if it is likely to become disproportionate to the number of Indian lawyers or law firms registered or allowed to practise law in the corresponding foreign country.

What are the implications?
Nihas Basheer, Partner Banking & Finance, Wadia Ghandy & Co., states that "Some clarity is required around what 'reciprocity' means before we see foreign law firms registering in India. If the foreign law firms do set up, it would be huge for the corporate legal practice in India as competition can only lead to improvement in legal services". Advocate Abhay Nevgi states that, "Foreign law firms will now be allowed to hire Indian lawyers and advocates registered as foreign lawyers, expanding the legal job market. This move will definitely bring in AI (artificial intelligence) based technology into legal service delivery, pushing the Indian law firms to adopt."

However, advocate Sudha Bharadwaj feels this will lead to lawyers deserting the real need in India. "This is going to add to the "corporatisation" of law practice. Already we find that students burdened with high fees of private colleges are turning away from litigation and joining corporate firms. We will see more Indian lawyers going abroad and deserting the real need in India – defending and fighting for the rights of the poor."

THE GIST

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- The legal fraternity in India is not likely to suffer any disadvantage in case law practice in India is opened up to foreign lawyers in a restricted and regulated manner.

Government of Karnataka

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hassan Division, Hassan.

No.EE/PWD/HSN/AE-3/2022-23 DATED: 17.03.2023.

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 39/2022-23, Dated 17.03.2023

Tenders are invited by the Public Works Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000, Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 and 4 from the eligible registered contractors of Karnataka through E-procurement pertains to 20 works under PWD Hassan Division jurisdiction. In this tender notification maximum tender amount is Rs.500.00 lakhs and minimum tender amount is Rs.19.80 lakhs. Last date of Receipt of tender is 27.03.2023. For more details visit http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. or contact this office through Phone No. 08172-268437 or in person during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD,
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1288/2022–23 **Hassan Division, Hassan.**

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, Upper Tunga Project Division, Shimoga

Ph : 08182-254832 Fax : 08182-254832 E-mail : eeutpsmg@gmail.com

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

1)EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2022-23 T.N.NO.76/Dated: 18.03.2023.
2)EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2022-23 T.N.NO.77/Dated: 18.03.2023.

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors for **three (03) works** coming under Head of Account 4701.

(1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is from 59.78 lakhs to 299.00 lakhs. (2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarading the tender **: 23.03.2023 upto 17.30 hrs.** (3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from **18.03.2023 to 27.03.2023 up to 17.30 hrs (During office Hours).**

Further details on date of opening the Tender/Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **Https:\\eproc.Karnataka.gov.in.** for further details the office of the Undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone No 08182-254832. Information can be obtained through **https:\ www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru- 560 020

No. BDA/SP-STF/SPG/530/2022-23 Date: 20.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GoK e-procurement platform : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Tenders through the e-procurement platform are invited on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA from reputed Service providers for the following work:

Name of the work : Providing Security guards, security supervisors, drivers & vehicles for BDA demolition squad on outsourced basis for a period of 24 months. EMD : **Rs.3.00 lakhs.**

For further details, please log on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or call e-procurement Helpdesk on 080-46010000/22631200.

Sd/- Superintendent of Police, BDA, Bengaluru

BDA/PRO/TN/48/2022-23

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU

Misc No.1455/2022

BETWEEN :

The Competent Authority,
for M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Mini V.V.Tower, Podium Block, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Rep by its Competent Authority, Dr. Ashok D.R, Joint Secretary .... Petitioner

AND

M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, Regd Office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagara, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032. Represented by its Managing Director Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, Aged 58 years, R/a No. 374, Kushalnagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore 560045 and 2 others.

..... Respondents

Notice to Respondent Nos. 2&3

2) M/s Sanchaya Land and Estate Pvt. Ltd., Represented by its Director, Sri Ravipati Taraka Ragunath, having its office at No, 479, PID No.98-45-479, Situated at HMT layout, RT Nagar, Bengaluru 560032.

3) Syed Shamshuddin S/o Chand Pasha Aged 36 years, No. 32/1, Tuba Layout, Saraipalya tuba layout, Bangalore 560077 (PAN-GACPS0812J)

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondents.

The Respondent No.2&3 are hereby issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petitions on **20th April 2023 at 11.00 Clock** in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day **4th March 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5303D/Zenkar/2022-23 **Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.,** Special Public Prosecutor

City Municipal Council, Chintamani.

TENDER NOTICE

Through e-Procurement in KW-1. KG-1 Document Tender Notification No.:CMCC/AS/CR/175/2022-23 Date: 07.03.2022

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura District invites Tender subject to conditions for participation in the Tender. For further information visit website http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

(1) DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT146019.
(2) CMC/HS/CR/181/2022-23/CALL-2.
(3) cms/cr/hs/183/2022-23/CALL-2.
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(5) cms/hs/cr/184/2022-23/CALL-2.
(6) DMA/2022-23/IND14978.
(7) DMA/2022-23/IND14959.
(8) DMA/2022-23/IND14811.
(9) DMA/2022-23/IND14946.

Notes: (1) Last date for submission of Tenders in e-procurement portal: **22.03.2023 up to 17.00 Hrs. (2)** Date of opening the Tender in e-procurement: **23.03.2023 after 5.05 P.M** .or if the said day is a Govt. holiday it will be opened on the next working day.

Sd/-
Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Chintamani

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI, Division No-4 Devarahipparagi, Vijayapur District.

No:KBJNL/MLID-4/PB/Distry Network/23095/2022-23/1185 Dated:17.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION- 5th Call
(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the under signed invites tenders for the work " CONSTRUCTION OF DISTRIBUTARIES NO DY-1 TO DY-35 AND ITS LATERAL/SUB-LATERALS INCLUDING STRUCTURES UNDER BIJAPUR MAIN CANAL FROM Km 0.00 TO 102.91 UNDER MLI STAGE-III WORKS" Indent No 23095 on Percentage basis under Two Tender Document System procedure as per Rule28 of the KTPP Act. The Joint Venture/Consortium is allowed in this tender subject to conditions stipulated in Bid Document. Amount put to tender is **Rs.14660.53 Lakhs** and EMD amount is **Rs.173.00 Lakhs.**

Last date for submission of e-tender in e-procurement portal is **19.04.2023** up to 5.00 pm. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **05.04.2023 at 11.00 am** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Zone Alamatti. The bidders may submit their queries on or before **05.04.2023** upto**10.00 am**. Opening of Technical bid is on **21.04.2023 at 11.00 am**. For further information and details, can visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam and can contact the office of the under signed during the office hours.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, KBJNL, MLI, Division No-4 Devar Hipparagi

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/BGKT/TRZ/SEE(O)/AEE-3/2022-23/28262-71&28252-61 Date:20.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites Tender for procurement of following materials required for Transmission Zone, KPTCL Bagalkote.

1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/BGKT/CEE/TZ/2022-23/ Insulators/Call-2 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 650 No.s of various sizes Polymeric Disc Insulators, conforming to KPTCL Technical Specifications **Quantity Tendered:** Polymeric Disc Insulators of Various sizes: 650 Nos.

2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/BGKT/CEE/TZ/2022-23/110 KV PT/Call-3 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 24 Nos. of 110KV voltage class Potential Transformers, conforming to KPTCL Technical Specifications**. Quantity Tendered:** 110KV PTs of Various sizes: 24 Nos.

The tender will be received through e-Procurement Portal only. The detailed Notification regarding subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal can be obtained by logging on hypyerlink "e-procurenet-kptcl" on kptcl website www.kptcl.karnataka.gov.in or www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after on or after **21.03.2023, 04.00 pm onwards** and last date for receipt of tender is : **20.04.2023 up to 05.00 pm.** Further details can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electricity,Transmission Zone, KPTCL, Near Sector No.45, Navanagar, Bagalkote-587103

City Municipal Council, Challakere,

Chitradurga District.

ಫೋನ್ ನಂ. 08195–250958 ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ: 080–23108108

No.: C.CMC/Technical/S.F.C.S.G. 2018-19/Tender-01/C.R.01/ 2022-23 Date: 17.03.2023

Short-Term Tender Notice

Itemwar Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 & Rules – 2000 and Standard Tender Document KW- 4 of Finance Department from eligible Civil Contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department for undertaking below mentioned works in the limits of City Municipal Council, Challakere sanctioned under S.F.C. Special Grant of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund for the year 2018-19 and Tenders can be downloaded and uploaded in e-procurement portal (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) up to 4.30 PM on 25.03.2023. For further information the following websites may be viewed www.challakerecity.mrc.gov.in and http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and has been displayed in the Notice Board of the office. Further information can be obtained from the Technical Section during office hours. Name of the Work:- Under S.F.C. Special Grant of Hon'ble Chief Minister's Discretionary Fund for the year 2018-19 (Rs. 99.40 lakhs):- Work of constructing C.C. Drain, Deck Slab and installation of Cover Slab in various areas of ward no. 28,15,4,31,5,27,19,20,11 of Challakere City. INDENT NO.: DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT135114/CALL-6. Approx. Amount (Rs. in lakhs) 99.40. Amount put to Tender excluding G.S.T. (Rs. In lakhs)84.05 E.M.D. (in Rs.)168100.00. Time Period Fixed:- 06 Month. Class of Contractor:- Class 3 and above Civil Contractors

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/ 1170/2022-23

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner
City Municipal Council, Challakere.

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CORRIGENDUM-II

In accordance to the tender notification published on 14.03.2023 in the Eenadu and The Hindu papers, the tender floated in tender platform http://tender.telangana.gov.in. **The pre-bid meeting is scheduled on 23.03.2023 at 10.30 AM at HACA Bhavan."**

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5-2-68, TS MARKFED, 3rd floor, Mahatma Gandhi Markfed Bhavan, Jambagh, Hyderabad-500095. fert.tsmarkfed2020@gmail.com. Contact Numbers: 7288879803, 7702515550. Web site:www.tsmarkfed.com.

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DIPR R.O No. 1415-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of Karnataka

(Department of Public Instruction)

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No:A8/KTBS/AUDIT Tender-25/2022-23 Date: 20.03.2023

SHORT-TERM SERVICE TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement only)

Online tenders are invited in two bid system for Internal audit of the **(1)** Karnataka Textbook Society®, Bengaluru head office, **(2)** 204 Block level Textbooks godowns, **(3)** 32 District level godowns and **(4)** One Divisional level textbook godown bengaluru for the year 2023-24 to 2025-26 by AG empanelled Charted Accountants who are having an head office in Bengaluru. Eligible bidders may offer their bidding till **5:30 P.M., 27.03.2023.** The EMD prescribed is **Rs. 72,000/-.** The detailed Tender Document may be downloaded from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in,** and **http://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in** e-Portal Help line: **080-46010000 / 080-22631200**

Sd/- Managing Director, Karnataka Text Book Society, Bengaluru.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti-586201. Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur.

Phone:08426-281027 E-mail:dam_division@rediffmail.com

No: KBJNL/DDA/DB/TND/2022-23/3774 Dated:18.03.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the undersigned invites tender on percentage basis from the eligible contractors for the work of **(1) Bagalkot Constituancy) (SCP Non Potential) Indent No. 24451 of Rs. 76.11 Lakhs (General). The contractor can have access and submit e-tender from 20-03-2023 to 27-03-2023 up to 5-00PM. Cover-I (Technical) Bid will be opened on 29-03-2023 at 11-00AM Cover-II (Financial Bid) will be opened on 01-04-2023 at 11-00AM** at the Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti. For clarifications office of the undersigned may be contacted during office hours (Phone No. 08426-281027). Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Dam Division, Almatti

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/1090/ಕೆಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDL, CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU

Misc No.1360/2022

BETWEEN :

The Competent Authority,
for M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, 3rd Floor, Mini V.V.Tower, Podium Block, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001. Rep by its Competent Authority, Dr. Ashok D.R, Joint Secretary .... Petitioner

AND

M/s. Ambidant Marketing Private Limited, Regd Office: at No.9A, K.H.B. Main Road, Kanakanagara, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560032. Represented by its Managing Director Syed Fareed Ahmed S/o. D.S.Jalaluddin, Aged 58 years, R/a No. 374, Kushalnagara, Opposite Hanifiya Masjid, Venkateshapuram, Bangalore 560045 and another.

..... Respondents

Notice to Respondent No. 2

2) Syed Jalaluddin S/o Chand Pasha Residing at No. 13/6, 1st Cross, Durgamma temple Street, Kalasipalya, Bangalore - 560002.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the above petition under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against Respondent.

The Respondent No.2 are hereby issued show cause notice u/s 12 (1) of KPIDFE Act 2004, to appear in court of the XCI Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to above petitions on **25th March 2023 at 11.00 Clock** in the forenoon.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day **4th March 2023.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5303B/Zenkar/2022-23 **Sri Venkatesh P. Dalwai.,** Special Public Prosecutor

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ದಿನಾಂಕ : 18/03/2023

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ KW- 1,4 & 7

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1,4 & 6 ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ (e-Procurement) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಮತ್ತು ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ:– 2059, 2216, 4059** ಹಾಗೂ **5054**–ಅಪೆಂಡಿಕ್ಸ–ಇ, ಅಡಿಯ **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು** ಒಟ್ಟು **15** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

WORK INDENT NO –157755, 154497/Call-5, 155974/Call-2 ಒಟ್ಟು **= 03**
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ–ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26/03/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **29/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

WORK INDENT NO – 167892, 167890, 160784, 160785, 160787, 161238, 160817, 160814, 157752 ಒಟ್ಟು **= 09**
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ–ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/03/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **29/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **30/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

WORK INDENT NO - 167896, 167898, 160813 ಒಟ್ಟು **= 03**
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ–ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26/03/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂದಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka,gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಲೋಕೊಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOVINDA Raju.D, R/at Chikkamathali, Mandagatta Post, Shimoga have changed my minor son's name from Pruthviraj to Pruthviraj.G vide affidavit dated 20-03-2023 before Notary Pramila.T.H, Shimoga.

I, VANI.G, W/o Govinda Raju. D, R/at Chikkamathali, Mandagatta Post, Shimoga have changed my name from Vani.G to Vani.C vide affidavit dated 20-03-2023 before Notary Pramila.T.H, Shimaga

I, G ASHWINI, D/o Army No.13891593K, Rank: Naik, Gajendran V, R/a 358, 4th Main, 1st Cross, Near Airtel Office, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560040 hereby state that my name has been wrongly mentioned as G.Aswani in my father's service records but my correct name is G.Ashwini vide affidavit dt: 20.03.2023 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, Blore

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IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT ANEKAL
O.S. No. 40/2019
Plaintiff: Sri Anil H Lad
-V/s-
Defendants: Sri Mariyappa and others
SUIT SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS No. 1 to 17, 19 & 20

1. Sri Mariyappa S/o Late Kadappa and Kulasandamma, aged about 60 years, **2. Smt. Parvathamma** W/o Sri Mariyappa, aged about 50 years, **3. Sri Jayapal** S/o Sri Mariyappa, aged about 32 years, **4. Prabhavathi** D/o Sri Mariyappa, aged about 31 years, **5. Shobha** D/o Sri Mariyappa, aged about 31 years, **6. Smt. Parvathamma** W/o Late Rajappa, aged about 48 years, **7. Sri Ganesh** S/o Late Rajappa, aged about 31 years, **8. Sri Maanikanta** S/o Late Rajappa, aged about 28 years, **10. Manjunatha** S/o Late Kadappa and Kulasandamma, aged about 50 years, **11. Smt Manjula** W/o Manjunatha, aged about 42 years, **12. Sri Jayaram** S/o Manjunatha, aged about 29 years, **13. Sri Satish** S/o Manjunatha, aged about 26 years, **14. Sri Babu** S/o Manjunatha, aged about 25 years, **15. Smt. Lakshmamma** W/o Late Srinivas, aged about 44 years, **16. Nagaveni @ Asha** D/o Late Srinivas, aged about 29 years, **17. Pushpa** D/o Late Srinivas, aged about 28 years, **19. Smt. Lakshmi** W/o Suresh, aged about 35 years, **20. Bhavya** D/o Suresh, aged about 13 years, All are R/at Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

You are hereby informed that, the plaintiff has filed the above suit against you and other defendants for the relief of declaration and permanent injunction in respect of the suit schedule properties bearing survey No.82/3, measuring 39 guntas, and 3 guntas kharab situated at Chambenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on East by: Village Rood, West by: Sy.No. 82/2 belonging to Anand Ram, North by: Sy. No. 82/1 belonging to Lakshman Reddy, South by: Sarjapura Main Road and Schedule 'A' Property No.82/3, measuring 37 guntas, situated at Chambenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District (converted from agriculture to non agriculture vide conversion order No. ALN(ASH) No.169/2017-18 dated 18-08-2018 from Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on East by: Village Road, West by: Sy.No. 82/2 belonging to Anand Ram, North by: Private Property, South by: Sarjapura Main Road. Hence you are hereby summoned to appear on **20-04-2023** at 11.00 AM before the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge Court at Anekal either in person or through the pleader. Failing which, the said case will be heard and disposed off in your absence as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 15-03-2023.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial officer, senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Anekal.

Imran Associates, Advocates
Off. No. 43, II Cross, P & T Colony, R.T. Nagar Bangalore -560032.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED Zaid Sheriff Sheriff S/O Rehanulla Sheriff residing at 94, M.M. Road, Fraser Town, Bengaluru–05, have changed my name to Mohammed Zaid Sheriff vide affidavit dated 16.03.2023

I, MEERA Halakatti, W/o Venkaraddi Halakatti, R/O. G–02,B blk,abhee lake view apt,sarajapura mn rd, kaikondarahalli, Blr–35, have changed my name as Meera Venkaraddi Halakatti, vide affidavit dated 18/03/2023

I, R. AMBIKA, W/o V. Velayutham, R/o No. 14/37 A, Pallam Street, Thazhakudy, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu-629901 have changed my name to V.Ambiha vide affidavit dt: 20.03.2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore

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TRAFFIC MANAGER

Autorickshaw services partially hit by drivers' strike in city

They have been demanding that the State government ban bike taxi services offered by mobile app-based aggregators

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BENGALURU

A 24-hour strike by drivers' unions partially impacted autorickshaw services in Bengaluru on Monday. Over 20 auto drivers' unions, under the banner of Bangalore Auto Drivers Unions' Federation, resorted to strike demanding that the State government ban bike taxi services offered by mobile app-based aggregators.

The response to the strike received lukewarm response from the auto drivers especially those who have attached their autos with mobile app-based aggregators.

Srinivas C.N., member of Bangalore Auto Drivers Union's Federation, told *The Hindu*, "Despite calling for a strike on Monday, app-based auto drivers have been operating as usual. Only a few have supported the strike."

Hundreds of auto drivers showed up at the CAR Police Ground on Mysuru road in a protest organised by the union. However, the police detained many drivers and released them after 5 p.m. Auto drivers who gathered to take out a march to the Chief Minister's residence were also detained by the police.

Drivers allege that aggregators are providing "illegal" bike taxi services without obtaining a licence from the Transport Department. Protesters said that lakhs of families rely on income generated by running autorickshaws, and the illegal bike taxi business is eating into their revenue.

"If bike taxi services continue, they will destroy the livelihood of auto drivers in the coming days. We observed a strike to protect the interest of the auto drivers in the long run," Mr. Srinivas said.

A few drivers allegedly forced their colleagues, who were catering to commuters, to stop the service and support the strike.

Meanwhile, instances of auto drivers demanding excess fares were also reported.

Mahantesh, a stranded passenger in Majestic, said, "I had reached the city around 7 p.m. and didn't get an auto. However, a few auto drivers offered me the ride but asked for more money. I wanted to go to RT Nagar, but the drivers asked me around ₹1,000 to reach RT Nagar from Majestic. They were misusing the strike and troubling the public."

The auto drivers were planning to submit a memorandum to the Chief Minister demanding an immediate ban on bike taxis after a rally from KSR Railway Station to the official residence of the CM on Race Course Road. However, the city police detained the drivers. "I have directed officials that auto drivers should not be troubled. The officials have been asked to take strict action against such bike taxis. I request the auto drivers to call off the strike," Transport Minister B. Sriramulu said.

(Clockwise from top) Members of the Bangalore Auto Drivers Unions' Federation staging a protest near KSR Railway Station; autorickshaw drivers being stopped from providing services; autos attached to mobile app-based aggregators continuing to ply; and members of the federation who had parked their vehicles during the 24-hour strike in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

NIMHANS observes head injury awareness day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly 1.5 lakh people died in road accidents in India in 2021, of which 34,647 were from Karnataka

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) on Monday observed World Head Injury Day Awareness Day.

The event was conducted under the theme "Safer you and safer nation, your well-being on the road," to raise awareness about head injuries, risk factors for head injuries, medical and surgical management and rehabilitation.

In a press release, the NIMHANS stated that road accidents are the most common cause of head injuries (50-80% of all head injuries) in India and nearly 1.5 lakh people reportedly died owing to road accidents in India in 2021, of which 34,647 were from Karnataka and around 654 in Bengaluru city. The number affected with injuries needing hospitalisation is estimated to be nearly 30 times the number of deaths. Evidence indicates that nearly 30-70% of road accidents sustain head injuries, owing to the large two-wheeler population and general non-compliance to traffic rules.

"Head injuries may range from a mild bump and concussion to severe traumatic brain injury. They may be closed or penetrated (object or weapon going inside the head). Most often, the head injuries result in the swelling of the brain that builds pressure inside the skull and leads to further brain damage. Brain injuries can be rated as mild, moderate, or severe to indicate the severity of the injury. Symptoms of head injuries range from superficial scalp wounds, swelling and bruising, nasal and ear bleeding/discharge, vomiting, convulsions, paralysis, loss of consciousness, and even may lead to death," states the release.

Director Pratima Murthy stressed the need for decentralising the trauma care and management facilities and to equip the medical colleges at district level. She said that the NIMHANS is working towards having a polytrauma centre with the capacity of 538 beds on its northern campus in Kyalasanahalli.

AAP's first list of candidates out

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), on Monday, released the first list of 80 candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in Karnataka.

The party has given ticket to Supreme Court lawyer Brijesh Kalappa (Chickpet), former KAS officer K. Mathai (Shanti Nagar), Kannada actor Tennis Krishna (Turuvekere), AAP Bengaluru president Mohan Dasari (C.V. Raman Nagar), and AAP co-convener Shanthala Damle (Mahalakshmi Layout).

After releasing the candidate list, AAP Karnataka chief Prithvi Reddy said, "All our candidates represent various sections of the society and 50% of them are aged below 45. We have selected these candidates after conducting a survey. Candidates selected by the party represent farmers, youth, women, advocates, doctors, IT professionals and people from various other backgrounds."

Meanwhile, Congress State president D.K. Shivakumar's relative Sharatchandra who joined the AAP recently has got ticket to contest from Channapatna. Reacting to this, Mr. Reddy said "it does not matter who his (Mr. Sharatchandra) relatives are, the fact that he has chosen AAP over Congress is sufficient".

Meanwhile, Mr. Reddy's name was not in the list released on Monday. The party has decided to fight in all the 224 Assembly constituencies across the State in the election.

CCB arrests man on charge of forgery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

He allegedly forged documents and helped people to get benefits of the old age pension scheme for monetary gain

The Central Crime Branch officials on Monday arrested a person for allegedly forging documents and helping people to avail old age pension scheme benefits for monetary gain.

The accused identified as Chatur K.S., is a pre-university dropout and a native of Shivamogga. The police found out that the accused forged documents for over 200 fake beneficiaries to avail monthly pension under the scheme. He was charging people a price ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000.

His associate, identified as Mannur Nagaraju, managed to escape and efforts are on to track him down, S.D. Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police said.

Explaining the modus operandi, Mr. Sharanappa said that the accused, by using a PDF editing software, manipulated the date of birth printed on Aadhaar cards. He would then print the fabricated Aadhaar copies and submit it to the revenue officers concerned along with the other required documents including bank details and BPL cards with tampered details to apply for the old age pension scheme. As per the primary requirement of the old age scheme, the applicant must be a senior citizen. However, the accused would manipulate the date of birth for the candidates who are aged 40, 48 and even 30 years old, the probe revealed.

The CCB is now verifying the role of the revenue officials and staff at the village panchayats concerned as they have processed the applications without proper verification. The CCB officials will be issuing notices to the revenue officials concerned for questioning and to ascertain their roles. "The accused would fabricate the Aadhaar details superficially and a simple verification by the officials could have exposed the racket, much before," said a police officer part of the investigation.

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This is to inform the general Public that, I **Srividya Duvvuri, Daughter of D.V. Subba Rao,** Aged about 48 years, residing at No.226, Cabell Drive, Newport News, Virginia-23602, USA, represented by her GPA Holder Kiranlal Duvvuri, Son of D.V. Subba Rao, Residing at Flat No.202, Maythri Homes, MLA layout, Kalena Agrahara, Gottigere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 083, do hereby state that, I have lost the original Sale deed dated 19.01.2013, bearing Doc. No. ANK-1-06161/2012-13 in respect of Sites No. 03 & 04, katha No.827, Property No.77/2, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq. ft, situated at S. Bingipura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. I have lodged a police complaint on 20.03.2023. Whoever finds the documents kindly handover the documents to any of us at our Advocate office mentioned below. The public is hereby cautioned not to transact with anybody claiming to be the owner of the Schedule Property holding the lost original document, any transactions made without our knowledge will be at their cost. Any claims over the Property shall be submitted to our Advocate in the below mentioned address.

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Man killed by relatives over parking row

The Hindu Bureau
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A 26-year-old man was hacked to death by his relatives over a trivial row on car parking in Medimallasandra near Hoskote. The incident happened on Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Ismail Khan, while the accused are on the run. According to the police, the deceased and the accused had a property dispute for a long time. On Sunday, a heated argument ensued over car parking. In the melee, the accused stabbed Ismail repeatedly, killing him on the spot. The accused soon fled the scene.

The Anugondanahalli police conducted inspection before shifting the body for post-mortem.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ

ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ. ಜಿ. ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣ ಬಿನ್ ಜಿ.ಸಿ.ಕೆ. ಸೋಮಯಾಜಿರವರು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸವಿವರವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯದ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು (ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳು) ಅವುಗಳ ಕಾನೂನಾತ್ಮಕ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜ್ಜತ್ ಉಲ್ಲಾ ಖಾನ್ ಬಿನ್ ಇಬ್ರಾಹಿಂ ಖಾನ್‌ರವರೊಂದಿಗೆ ದಾಖಲೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: GNR-1-01166-2022-23 ರಂತೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಕರಾರುಪತ್ರದ ಮುಖೇನ ಜಂಟಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕರಾರು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜ್ಜತ್ ಉಲ್ಲಾಖಾನ್ ರವರು ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಶಾಮ್‌ಸುಂದರ್ ಭತೀಜಾ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಂಜೂ ಅಹೂಜಾ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಾಯಾ @ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ರವರಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಖರೀದಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕೆ. ಮರಿಯಪ್ಪ ಹಾಗೂ ಶ್ರೀ ಅಬ್ದುಲ್ ರಫೀಖ್ ರವರಿಂದ 1995 ಹಾಗೂ 1996 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಕ್ರಯಪತ್ರಗಳ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಖರೀದಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಯ, ದಾನ, ಭೋಗ್ಯ, ಅಡಮಾನ, ಉಯಿಲು, ಭೂ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ಉತ್ತರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ತಕರಾರುಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವರದಿಯಾದ 15 ದಿವಸಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದೂರವಾಣಿಯ ಮುಖಾಂತರ/ವಿಳಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಮಾಲೀಕತ್ವದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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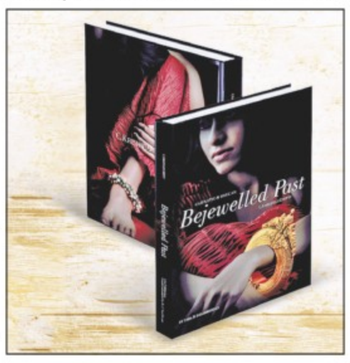
BUSINESS CONNECT — A Business Initiative

Carnatic & Deccan Bejeweled Past - The Coffee Table book chronicling the History of 150-year-old C. Krishniah Chetty.

The Coffee Table Book Carnatic & Deccan Bejeweled Past is not just about 150 years of History of C. Krishniah Chetty blended with archival stories of the Institution, it is a very well-researched and accurately described account of the History of Jewellery of the Carnatic, South & Central India. Thus the book contains 6 generations of effort along with highly interesting anecdotes and unknown facts. The people behind The Bejewelled Past is the author, one of the world's foremost scholars on the history of Indian jewellery, Dr. Usha R Balakrishnan. Author of many books, Dr Usha is Chief Curator of the World Diamond Museum and has a PhD in Ancient Indian Culture and a post-doctorate degree from New York University. This book is the result of her deep knowledge of the subject. Compiled by the expert gemologist Dr. C. Vinod Hayagriv, who is as passionate about Indian jewellery as he is about preserving the history of his family. As he says: "As the last informed custodian of the legacy, it was time to put into print the exhilarating stories and photographs from our family and business archives. This book is an invaluable source of information for any lover, or even scholar, of Indian jewellery and how to run a successful business to last centuries".



Neev launches Rollables Topper – A Touch of Magic for Your Mattress

Neev is a leading sleep solution provider, dedicated to improving the quality of sleep for everyone. With a range of products designed by sleep experts, Neev helps you get the restful and rejuvenating sleep you deserve. Neev Rollables Topper, you can transform your existing mattress into a super soft luxury bed without having to buy a new one. Designed by sleep experts, Neev Rollables Topper offers a range of options to choose from - Hypersensitive Foam, Cool Gel Memory, 100% Natural Pincore Latex, Charcoal Memory, and Latex Copper. Whether you need extra support, cooling, or natural materials, Neev Rollables Topper has got you covered.

SPARSH Group of Hospitals Chairman Dr Sharan awarded 'CEO of the Year'

Dr. Sharan Shivaraj Patil, Chairman, SPARSH Group of Hospitals, has been awarded 'CEO of the Year' for the Mid Size Company segment by the prestigious CEO Clubs, India. Dr. Sharan was awarded the title for his exemplary contribution towards making healthcare accessible to everyone. Dr. Patil's commitment to healthcare has earned him numerous accolades, including the Kannada Rajyotsava Award by the State of Karnataka for his contributions to the field of Medicine. He continues to be a driving force in the healthcare industry in India, and his leadership and vision have helped transform the landscape of healthcare delivery in the country. It has been 15 years since Dr Patil put Bangalore on the world map for complex healthcare surgeries with the transformative work done on 8 limbed Lakshmi, a baby girl from Bihar who is now a healthy adult. Dr. Sharan Patil has been instrumental in transforming healthcare delivery in Karnataka. With over three decades of experience as an entrepreneur, Dr Patil has provided surgical interventions to over 5,000 underprivileged patients. As a world class orthopaedic surgeon, he has performed over 15,000 surgeries, including 7,500 joint replacements.

Bureau of Indian Standards : Celebrated World Consumer Rights Day

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Ministry of Consumer Food and Public distribution is the National Standard Body of India established under the BIS Act 2016 for the harmonious development of the activities of standardization, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. BIS has been providing traceability and tangibility benefits to the national economy in a number of ways - providing safe reliable quality goods; minimizing health hazards to consumers; promoting exports and imports substitute; control over proliferation of varieties etc. through standardization, certification and testing. 15th March is celebrated as World Consumer Rights Day. On this occasion, BIS, Bangalore Branch Office had organized an event by flagging off the Door to Door campaign (Quality Connect Program) about BIS, Quality and Consumer Awareness at prominent places in Bengaluru.

GRT Jewellers : The place for all golden beginnings.

Since it's very inception in 1964, GRT Jewellers has been a name closely associated with trust. For GRT has always understood deeply what their customers have always yearned for. And this Ugadi too, it's no different. It's been said when you welcome happiness on the day of Ugadi, it only keeps growing. So, in this auspicious season, GRT will be bringing to its customers news that's sure to make the occasion of new beginnings more special. And to celebrate the festive spirit with the people who mean the most to you, in GRT's case, it's the customers.

Speaking about the special occasion and the launch of new offers Mr. G. R. 'Anand' Ananthpadmanaban the Managing Director of GRT said "Ugadi is a special festival for all of us and who better to share this with than our customers. We've always strived to craft eternal moments in their lives and this offer is a continuation of that very spirit." Adding to this Mr. G.R. Radhakrishnan, Managing Director of GRT quoted "Since the beginning GRT has always been a customer-centric brand. What brings them happiness brings the utmost joy to everyone at GRT, hence it goes without saying that we share these special occasions with those who are the most special to us."

This Ugadi, GRT will launch offers and a special, new collection that will make this new beginning truly golden. Offers include Rs. 50 less per gram on purchase of Gold and Rs. 50 extra per gram on exchange of old Gold. There's also a 10% off on Diamond & uncut Diamond value. To top it, there's 25% off on making charges for Silver articles and a 10% off on MRP for Silver jewellery.

ABSTRACT

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Free market and equal rates of investment: no longer beggaring belief

A recent study published in *The Economic Journal* tries to put an end to the age-old debate between traditional and behavioural economists, of whether a free market economy enables healthy competition or abnormal profits for certain businesses

Prashanth Perumal

Leeson, Peter and Hardy, August and Suarez, Paola, "Hobo Economicus," The Economic Journal, Volume 132, Issue 646, August 2022, Pages 2325-2338

Over many centuries, economists have argued that competition among entrepreneurs would ensure that the rate of return on investment would tend to be equal across industries. So, for example, if the rate of return in the car industry was abnormally high, this would cause investment (and hence resources) to move from other industries, yielding lower returns into the car industry. This, it was believed, would cause the price of cars to drop while that of other goods to rise, thus helping in a way to equalise the rate of return across industries. This widely accepted economic fact was part of the standard response from free market economists whenever critics of the market economy complained about certain businesses enjoying abnormal profits in a market economy. Competition among entrepreneurs, it was argued, would ensure that no business earned abnormally high returns over a long time.

Modern behavioural economists, however, have questioned the above traditional economic wisdom by arguing that the rate of return on investment does not tend to equalise across industries for various reasons.

In particular, they argue that ordinary human beings in the real world are different from the textbook homo economicus in three ways – firstly, they have limited cognitive abilities, secondly, they have limited self control, and thirdly, they possess some degree of altruistic rather than just purely selfish tendencies. In fact, behavioural economists note that even in an industry like finance, in which we might expect participants to be highly rational, people may not be perfectly rational. Therefore, the rates of return might vary significantly across industries even in a competitive market economy.

A study on the streets

In "Hobo Economicus," published in *The Economic Journal*, Peter T. Leeson, R. August Hardy, and Paola A. Suarez tried to find out if the doubts raised by behavioural economists regarding human rationality are valid. The researchers studied the behaviour of panhandlers, or beggars, in the Metro rail stations in Washington, DC to see if these people exhibit rational economic behaviour. Many beggars tend to suffer from mental disorders and substance abuse problems, which could surprisingly make these people excellent candidates for this study on human rationality.

The authors argue that if even beggars can be shown to behave rationally, then it would bolster the claims of traditional economic theory.

The authors of the paper studied the hourly receipts of beggars in a number of Metro rail stations and also the number of passengers who pass through these stations. If traditional economic theory is right, then beggars would tend to be attracted towards Metro rail stations frequented by the most passengers and desert other stations. This is because beggars are likely to earn more dollars per hour in the busiest Metro rail stations. Eventually, however, the process of entrepreneurial arbitrage – whereby beggars move from stations offering low rate of return to stations offering a higher rate of return – would ensure that the hourly receipts of beggars across Metro rail stations tend to be the same. The tendency of beggars to move towards Metro rail stations that offer the best return on investment is no different from the tendency of investors to invest their capital in industries that offer the highest rate of return.

The authors in fact found that, as traditional economic theory would suggest, the stations that had the highest passenger traffic also saw more beggars visiting them. To be precise, a one standard deviation increase in passenger traffic was found to be associated with a 0.53 standard deviation increase in the number of beggars. Further, it was found that the difference in the hourly rates that beggars earned across various Metro rail stations was statistically indistinguishable from zero. This suggests that there was intense competition among beggars to be at Metro rail stations where they could earn the most money. Basically, the beggars who were studied were found to behave just like the textbook homo economicus.

The findings of the study suggest that rational economic behaviour is widely prevalent, even in places where it is generally least expected, such as in the panhandling market. One reason for this could be that beggars live at the edge of subsistence and hence have a very strong reason to act rationally. If beggars do not act rationally, the consequences could turn out to be dire, such as the prospect of imminent death.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The March equinox happened at 2:54 am today (March 21), marking the end of winter in the northern hemisphere and the end of summer in the southern hemisphere

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1
In technical terms, the March equinox is when the _____ point is exactly on the equator while moving from the southern hemisphere to the northern hemisphere. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 2
On equinox, shadows cast by the steps and carvings of the Temple of _____ in Mexico, give the impression that a big serpent is descending to the bottom. Fill in the blank with the name of the deity, which is also the name of a character in the film *Wakanda Forever*.

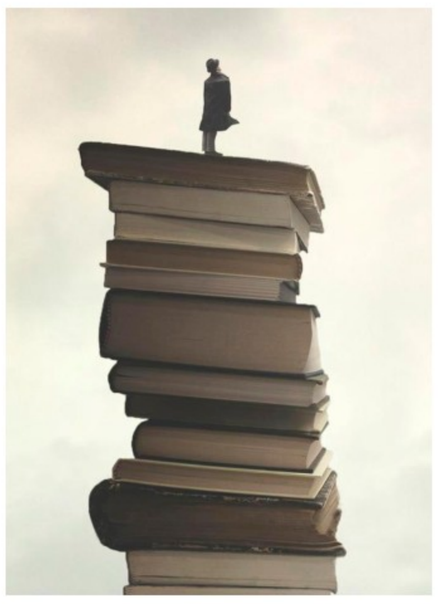
QUESTION 3
On an equinox, at two places on the earth, the sun neither rises nor sets but stays just above the horizon. Name these places.

QUESTION 4
In 1955, the Calendar Reform Committee recommended that India use the 'Saka calendar' from 1878, with the first day of every year on the day after the March equinox. Who headed this committee?

QUESTION 5
The March equinox can occur on one of three days, from March 19 to 21. In the current century, when will it occur the earliest?

Visual question:
King Suryavarman II built this Hindu-Buddhist temple in the 12th century. Its design was heavily influenced by the equinox. This photo shows the sun rising over its central tower. Name the temple. AFP

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The name of the prison located on an island in the San Francisco Bay. **Ans: Alcatraz**
2. The company which began in 1982 by Bill Biggerstaff and Robert Medearis over a poker game. **Ans: Silicon Valley Bank**
3. The on-demand transportation company founded in San Francisco in 2009. **Ans: Uber**
4. The San Francisco park known for its iconic zigzag path and scenic views of the city. **Ans: Golden Gate Park**
5. The social media platform originally designed as a mobile app for sharing photos. **Ans: Instagram**
Visual: The name of the district that houses beautiful murals and art in San Francisco. **Ans: Mission District**
Early Birds: K. N. Viswanathan| Daksh Yadav



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Miss Hema Krishnan, Annanagar West, Madras, wants to know who 'Casabianca' was. She refers to the following sentence in *The Hindu* of March 8,1987: 'Sunil Gavaskar stood like Casabianca on the burning deck.'"

"Louis Casabianca was a French naval officer. He was the captain of the ship 'L'Orient' at the battle of the Nile. The battle took place in 1798. He had taken his ten-year old son with him. He had asked him not to leave the ship without his permission. The ship caught fire, but the boy refused to leave the ship without the permission of the father. He didn't know that his father had already been killed. Felicia Hemans wrote a poem called *Casabianca* in 1829. The first two stanzas are the following:

The boy stood on the burning deck.
Whence all but he had fled;
The flame that lit the battle's wreck
Shone round him o'er the dead.
Yet beautiful and bright he stood.
As born to rule the storm;
A creature of heroic blood,
A proud, though childlike form.

I leave the interpretation of the sentence to the readers."

"Several readers would like to know the meaning of the idiom 'to pull the wool over another's eyes.'"

"It means 'to trick or deceive another.' *He tried to pull the wool over my eyes but didn't succeed.*

Sometimes wool grows over the sheep's eyes and prevents it from seeing clearly. This is the origin of the idiom."

"Mr. R. K. Singh, Ludhiana, wants to know whether 'The police' is singular or plural."

" 'The police' is a collective noun and is followed by a plural verb.

The police are in trouble.
The police are trying to enlist the cooperation of the public.

To specify individual police officers, we say a policeman, a police officer, a policewoman."

"Mr. A. C. Bhatnagar of Patiala wants to know the meaning of 'busman's holiday.'"

"'Busman's holiday' is 'leisure time spent in the same kind of occupation as one's ordinary work.' The former name for 'bus' was 'omnibus.' The omnibuses were drawn by horses. When the regular driver wanted to take a day off, he would engage another to do his work. If the regular driver wasn't quite sure of the competence of the substitute, he would sit along with the passengers to make sure that the substitute did his job well. The regular driver wasn't given any extra pay for this. He did it out of a sense of duty. So a vacation or a day off from work spent in doing one's usual work is called a busman's holiday. A busman's holiday is no holiday; it is a holiday only in name."

Published in The Hindu on May 12, 1987.

Word of the day

Sententious:
abounding in or given to pompous or aphoristic moralising; concise and full of meaning

Synonyms: pithy

Usage: *His speech was given in such a sententious way that it was condescending. His style of speech was so sententious that the students gave him a standing ovation.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/sententiouspro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /sɛn'tɛn.ʃəs/

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Enhanced recombination a shot in the arm for SARS-CoV-2: IISc researchers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), who were examining SARS-CoV-2 - a strain of coronavirus that causes COVID-19, have identified several new mutations that accumulated through recombination at a high rate and affected viral proteins, especially different parts (domains) of the viral spike protein.

Researchers from the institute's Department of Microbiology & Cell Biology, and Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in a study published in the Journal of Medical Virology have identified several new mutations that accumulated through recombination at a high rate and affected viral proteins.

According to IISc in January 2022, around the time that the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 started spreading rapidly, a team of researchers led by Shashank Tripathi, Assistant Professor at the Department of Microbiology & Cell Biology, and Centre for Infectious Diseases Research, noticed that there was an unusually high increase in the number of recombinant strains of the Omicron variant.

The team analysed genomic sequences of all the viral strains that appeared between November 2019 and July 2022 in various databases worldwide.

The team showed that with the aid of these mutations, several such Omicron recombinant and mutant strains were able to escape from the host's defenses and bind more tightly to the host cell.

Their observations add to growing evidence about how efficient new strains of the virus are at escaping immune attack and at causing infections, said IISc. Viruses like SARS-CoV-2 are known to change constantly, making it hard for our immune system to identify and destroy them. This is a major concern when generating vaccines. The genetic material in SARS-CoV-2 is a long single-stranded RNA. In addition, the protein that is required to make copies of this RNA - RNA polymerase - is known to be error-prone in this virus. Viruses can evolve via one of two mechanisms: mutation or recombination, said Mr. Tripathi.

BMTC to run buses to Chickballapur from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For the first time, with effect from Tuesday, the BMTC will be operating city bus service to Chickballapur. The corporation has decided to run AC buses from Majestic to Chickballapur.

Recently, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) had given its consent to the BMTC to operate buses to Chickballapur. The BMTC usually has the mandate to run buses up to 25 km radius from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. The buses will be operated via Hebbal and Devanahalli.

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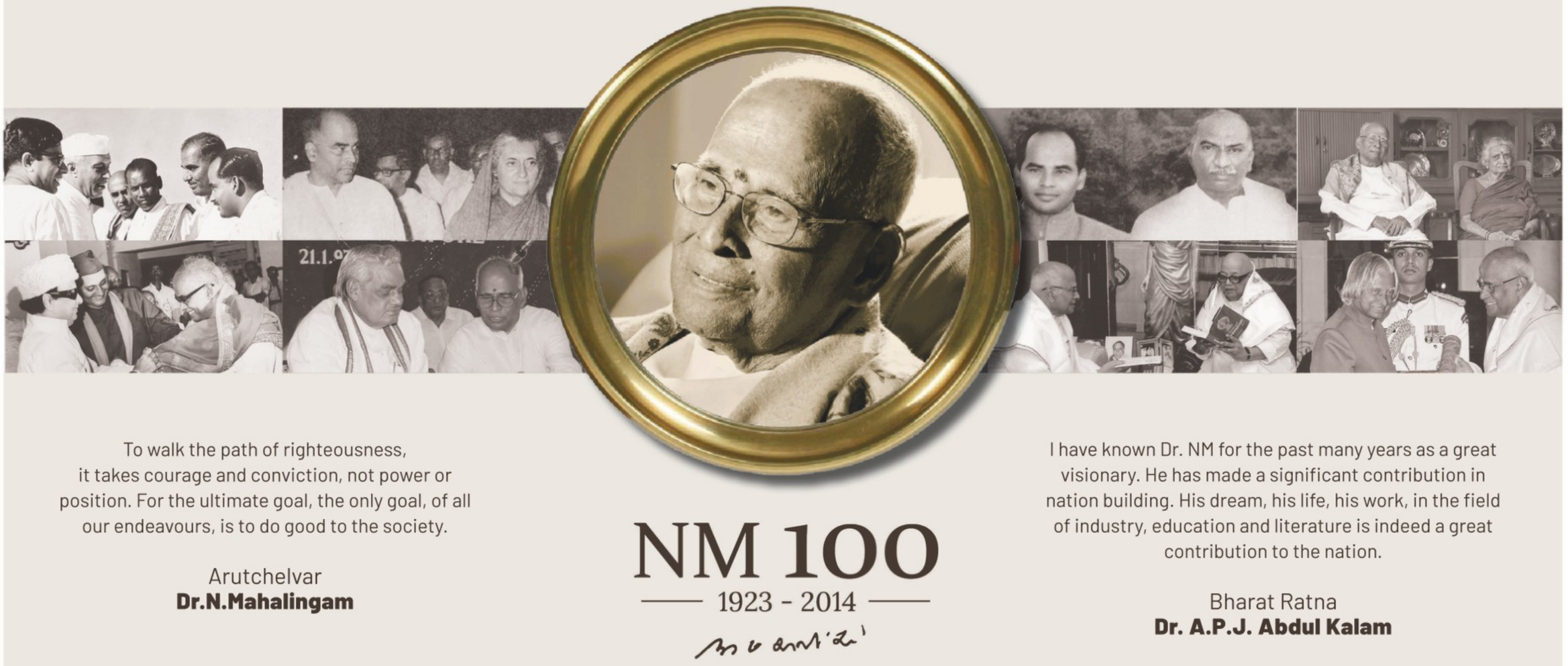

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Cumulative storage in Cauvery basin dams dips to 50% of total capacity

Temperature levels in the days ahead is set to increase and evaporation rate coupled with discharge to irrigation canals may reduce storage levels

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A file photo of KRS dam where water level reached 102.75 feet on Monday.

The gross cumulative storage across the four major dams in the Cauvery basin in Karnataka has dropped to 50 per cent of its total capacity.

The cumulative gross storage capacity of the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) in Mandya, Kabini in Mysuru, Hemavathi in Hassan, and Harangi in Kodagu is 114.57 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft) against which the storage as on Monday, was 56.82 tmcft which is about 50 per cent of the actual capacity, according to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC).

In comparison the cumulative storage across the four dams on the same day last year was 72.72 tmcft which was almost 64 per cent of the storage capacity.

The water level at the KRS was 102.75 ft on Monday as against the full reservoir level of 124.80 ft. The reservoir level was 110.82 ft on the same day last year. The gross storage capacity of the KRS is 49.45 tmcft and the storage on Monday was 25.05 tmcft which is 51 per cent of its gross capacity. The quantum of water stored on the same day last year was 32.55 tmcft.

The gross capacity of the Kabini reservoir is 19.52 tmcft against which the storage on Monday was 7.99 tmcft which is 41 per cent of the maximum capacity. The storage during the same day last year was 12.81 tmcft. The water level in the reservoir was hovering at 2261.61 ft on Monday as against the full reservoir level of 2284 ft. The reservoir level on the same day last year was 2272.14 ft, as per the records maintained by the KSNDMC.

Hemavathi in Gorur in Hassan district is a major feeder to the KRS during crucial summer days, it has 55 per cent of its gross storage as on date. The gross storage capacity of the dam is 37.10 tmcft against which the quantum of water available as on Monday was 20.58 tmcft. Last year, the dam had 21.69 tmcft on the same day. The reservoir level is 2,901.21 ft against the FRL of 2,922 ft.

Harangi near Kushalnagar has a gross storage capacity of 8.50 tmcft against which the available water as on Monday is 3.19 tmcft which is 38 per cent of its actual capacity. There was 5.67 tmcft of water available on the same day last year.

The reservoir level was 2,827.03 ft on Monday against the FRL of 2,859 ft.

The temperature levels in the days ahead is set to increase further and the evaporation rate coupled with discharge to the irrigation canals is expected to further reduce the storage levels in the upcoming days.

But, the onset of South West Monsoon is still more than two and a half months away and hence calls for caution in water management.

INBRIEF

BAF launches handbook for new homebuyers

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has come out with a handbook for homebuyers. Vikram Rai, secretary, BAF, said, "We do not want new homebuyers to make the mistakes we did. Our aim is to help establish realistic expectations, on both sides. This handbook aims to enlighten buyers regarding their apartments, and also about life in a community. The contents include information on handover from builder."

According to Mr. Rai, "A lot of the queries received by BAF pertain to individual apartments, the use of facilities in a community of apartments, and the handover from the builder to the RWA. We tried to address these, and other issues in this handbook, which was compiled jointly by BAF and Confederation of Real Estate Developer's Association of India (CREDAI) Bengaluru.

The digital version of the handbook will be available on the BAF website in mid-April.

Text & Context
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (March 21, Tuesday), the following explainer is available:

- A boost to the zoonoses theory regarding the origins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus **bit.ly/zoonosestheory**

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

Chief of Safai Karamchari Commission meets BBMP officials

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chairperson of National Commission for Safai Karamchari Vekantesan held a meeting with the officials of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and discussed the issues regarding pourakarmikas in the city.

After the meeting, Mr. Vekantesan said that the commission will strive for the comprehensive development of pourakarmikas. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "The BBMP has provided Suvidha Cabins near mustering centres which have facilities like toilets and changing rooms. In future, permanent Suvidha Cabins will be set up across the city. Hand push operated sweeping machines will be provided to pourakarmikas soon. Tender process is on for procurement of the machines. All the pourakarmikas are getting benefits of Employee State Insurance (ESI) and Provident Fund (PF)," he added.

Tourism Department to develop water sports destinations near Bengaluru

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The KSTDC has said that tourists may be able to enjoy water sports in Kanva backwaters in the next three months. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

Gone are the days when tourism in Bengaluru only meant Vidhana Soudha, Lalbagh and Cubbon Park, as newer tourist destinations are being set up around the city to attract more tourists. Keeping in mind the needs of tourists who crave adventure, Kanva reservoir as well as Manchanabele dam are being developed as water sport destinations.

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) officials said that tourists may be able to enjoy water sports – kayaking, sailing, speed boats and jet skis – in Kanva backwaters in the next three months.

"We are projecting Kanva backwaters as a one-day travel destination from Bengaluru. Water sports and hiking (managed by district administration) will be the main attractions there. Tourism Department has been provided five acres to develop basic amenities, like toilets, drinking water, changing rooms and parking area. There will be zero construction near the backwaters. We will abide by all the National Green tribunal (NGT) directions," said Ravindra. P. C., General Manager, KSTDC.

A tender for setting up sporting infrastructure has received a few bids.

"The Tourism Department is also planning to develop Manchanabele in a similar fashion," said Ramprasath Manohar, Director, Department of Tourism. "We are planning a water sports facility and a park there." Plans for an amusement park in Bengaluru are in the works to boost tourism around the city, especially during weekends. "We have not decided the venue, but we are open to pitches. We want to set up a Disney World kind of theme park somewhere around Bengaluru, or Mysuru. These attractions, along with the ropeway near Nandi Hills, will bring in more tourists to the city," Mr. Manohar said.

The department is planning to take up more Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects. "In May, we have the Global Tourism Investment Summit in Delhi. We are planning to get global investors to develop tourism products and infrastructure in Karnataka, and in Bengaluru," Mr. Manohar explained.

New to the fleet

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation's intercity AC electric bus during the inauguration in Bengaluru on Monday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Pourakarmikas demand end to contract system

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Solid waste management (SWM) drivers and helpers in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and other districts held a protest at Freedom Park on Monday under the aegis of the BBMP Pourakarmika Sangha.

The protesters announced that if Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai does not declare end to the contract system and bring all workers under direct payment, workers will march to Vidhana Soudha. For the last few months, the sangha has been urging the State government to abolish the contract system and demanding that drivers, loaders and cleaners of garbage collection vehicles be brought under the direct payment system and be made permanent, as assured by the Chief Minister.

"We demand that the contract system be abolished and the workers be brought under the direct payment system and be made permanent. After great struggles, pourakarmikas who are sweeping the streets have been brought under the system of direct payment under the BBMP. However, drivers, helpers, loaders and cleaners, who are also pourakarmikas who collect, transport and dispose of garbage, are employed under a sham contract system," Nirmala, a member of the pourakarmikara sangha, said.

After a strike in July 2022, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai gave a written assurance that all pourakarmikas would be made permanent and the drivers, loaders, and cleaners under contract will be brought under direct payment system, and thereafter made permanent.

TTE arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Cantonment Railway Police, on Monday, arrested a 42-year-old TTE for allegedly misbehaving with a woman passenger in an inebriated state. After deboarding Howrah Express at K.R. Puram station, the passenger was walking towards the exit when the accused, Santosh Kumar, confronted her demanding a ticket.

While the woman passenger was trying to take out the ticket from her bag, the accused hurled abuses and manhandled her.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, MAR. 21		
RISE	06:23	SET 18:30
RISE	06:05	SET 18:18
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22		
RISE	06:23	SET 18:30
RISE	06:47	SET 19:14
THURSDAY, MAR. 23		
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RISE	07:30	SET 20:09

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Chief Officer, Town Municipal Council, Kampli. Invites tenders in two cover system using standard tender document for Construction of shopping complex and Screening Machine Shed as below.

Sl No	Name of the Works & Indent No	Amount put to tender
01	CONSTRUCTION OF SEGREGATION AND SCREENING SHED AT SWM SITE KAMPLI DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT148888	Rs 99.00 lakhs
02	Construction of Shopping complex at old busstand kurugodu road @ Kampli town. (Ground Floor & 1st Floor) AND Construction of Shopping complex at Filter Bed area back side of Chandrakala Talkies @ Kampli town. (Ground Floor) DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT144162	Rs 91.45 lakhs

Interested Contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender; Contractors can download the tender documents from the e-procurement platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically & tender processing fee & EMD shall also be paid electronically.
1.Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **Date 28.03.2023 at 17.00 Hrs**
2.Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **Date 28.03.2023 at 17.00 Hrs**
3.Date & time for opening of (technical bids): **Date 30.03.2023 at 11:00 Hrs**
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NO. DCF/PR/2047/2022-23 DATE : 20.03.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Principal, Government First Grade College, Kengeri has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing at College campus, Yehwanthapura Hobli, Sy No-199, Ullala Village, Saneguruvanahalli Circle-01, Bengaluru for the project of Construction of New College Building and Playground. The details area given below:

Name of the Project	**Construction of New College Building and Play Ground**			
Name of the Agency	Government First Grade College, Kengeri, Bengaluru			
Purpose for removal of tree	The trees are standing inside the College Campus, spread around 05 Acres of Land, Bengaluru and are coming within the proposed construction zone.			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS readings	**Sl. No**	**Latitude - N**	**Longitude - E**	**Location**
	1	12.582148	77.2825032	Yehwanthapura Hobli, Sy No-199, Ullala Village, Saneguruvanahalli Circle-01, Bengaluru
	2	12.584272	77.2826070	
	3	12.584260	77.28030	
	4	12.5729406	77.2828122	
Enumeration of trees ●Total No. of trees standing in the project area	1588 Nos (Annexure-1)	Description of Trees, Species, Location, Area, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
●Total No. of trees proposed to be removed	777 Nos (Annexure-1)			
Mode of Communication of Comments *(Public can send their comments either by e-mail / Post / Hand*	Address: The Deputy Conservator of Forests & Tree Officer, BBMP, N.R Square, Bangalore- 560002. E-mail Id: **1) dcfbbmp12@gmail.com** for the tree officer and 2) gfgckengeri@gmail.com for the Principal, Govt. First Grade College, Kengeri. *Comments communicated directly to Principal, Govt. First Grade College, Kengeri should also be marked a copy to the Tree-Officer / DCF, BBMP.			
Last date for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notification in Newspapers ***Objections / Comments / Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project.**			

In view of the above, the suggestions/objections/comments are invited from citizens under Section 8 (3) (vii) of the Karnataka Preservation of Tree Act, 1976.
Sd/- Tree Officer, Deputy Conservator of Forests, BBMP.

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1	**BESCOM/2022-23/ Auction No.524**	Scrap Aluminum items	12.04.2023 from 8.00 AM to 11.00 AM
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3	**BESCOM/2022-23/ Auction No.526**	Scrap Iron Items	12.04.2023 from 2.00 PM to 5.00PM
4	**BESCOM/2022-23/ Auction No.527**	Scrap T&P Materials & Vehicles and Vehicle parts	13.04.2023 from 8.00 AM to 11.00 AM

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Admission to 30,000 Additional Students in Hostels

- **25% increase in admissions** sanctioned in post-matric hostels in 2022-23 at an expenditure of **Rs. 75 crore.** Additional admissions were provided to **30,000 students**.

Priority to Welfare of Students

- **46 lakh students** of government and aided institutions (including Kalyana Karnataka region) are **provided with Egg or Banana/ Chikki** two days a week.
- Distribution of **free textbooks, shoes and socks** to **61 lakh students** and **uniforms** to **46 lakh students** under Vidhya Vikasa Scheme.
- More priority under NEP to learning and welfare of students in the age group of 3 and 6

Thrust on Building Student Hostels

- Construction of **100 Ambedkar Hostels** and **10 KREIS hostels** under SCSP/TSP grant
- **Rs. 250 crore** for 5 mega **1,000-capacity multi-storied hostels** in Belagavi, Hubballi-Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mangaluru and Mysuru
- Construction of **50 new Kanakadasa hostels**
- **Rs. 6 crore** grant for starting post-matric hostels for ST in 14 district centres
- Special package of **Rs. 250 crore** for infrastructure and repair of hostels of backward classes

Additional Classrooms and Toilets

- **Rs. 1,923 crore** for building 9,556 additional classrooms and toilets in government schools-colleges.
- Of these, 7,601 classrooms have been approved under **Viveka Scheme**. Steps to complete all construction works in the current year.
- **Rs. 80 crore** for building 5,581 toilets in schools

Vidyavahini Yojane – Free Bus Pass

- **Rs. 350 crore** for free bus passes to **8 lakh girl students** under Vidyavahini Scheme

Free Education to Students. Additional Transport Facility.

- Under Chief Minister's Vidyashakthi Scheme, free education to all students studying in pre-university and degree colleges
- Under the **'Makkala-Bus'** scheme, **2,000 new schedules** by transport corporations for the benefit of 21 school-college students at a cost of **Rs. 100 crore**

Steps to create admission opportunities for one lakh additional students

- Creation of admission opportunities for one lakh additional students through the construction of **20 new post-matric hostels** and transfer of **160 hostels** of the higher education department

Priority to Improving Education Quality in Aspirational Taluks

- **Rs. 892 crore** for infrastructure development and quality improvement in school education and higher education in aspirational taluks

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INBRIEF

I-T sleuths search premises of Sobha Developers

The income tax officials on Monday launched search operations on the business premises of Sobha Developers, one of the leading real estate developers, for alleged non-disclosure of income. The search operations was conducted at the headquarters at Sarjapur in Bengaluru, and three factories that the company operates near Jigani on the city's outskirts. These factories manufacture wood, aluminium, and concrete products for the developer's real-estate projects. Sources said the income tax officials from the Chennai office were involved in the search operations that were going on. A company spokesperson said its officials were cooperating with the income tax officials.

From Page One

Rahul announces 'Yuva Nidhi' scheme for jobless

Under Gruha Lakshmi guarantee, every woman head of the family will get ₹2,000 cash incentive. Under Yuva Nidhi, every educated youth in every family will get a cash incentive ranging from ₹1,500 to ₹3,000 for the first two years. Yuva Nidhi will cover all graduates and diploma holders. Diploma holders will get ₹1,500 per month for two years while graduates will get ₹3,000 per month

"These are not mere words. These are solemn promises that are binding on us. You can question us if we do not implement them," the Congress leader said.

"I met all kinds of people during the Bharat Jodo yatra. Most of the young men and women that I interacted with highlighted unemployment. The government is not helping them find jobs, and they were desperate. Hence, we came up with this promise, that we are calling the Congress guarantee," he said.

"We are making these promises to the youth as the BJP is not giving jobs. Please do not think that our promises will stop at the monthly payments. We will go ahead and fill all 2.5 lakh government vacancies in Karnataka. We will also create 10 lakh jobs in Karnataka in five years," Mr. Gandhi said.

The Congress leader started by saying that India was an ancient civilisation, but a young nation. "The youth are the future of this country. Our Yuva Nidhi is aimed at protecting the interests of unemployed youth. It will serve them till they get jobs," he said.

"The BJP government in Karnataka should be voted out because it is a 40% commission government that protects the corrupt. It is making false promises to the people and misleading the youth. However, we are staying focused on welfare and development," he said.

"I am thankful to the people of Karnataka who gave me great support and showered love on me during the Bharat Jodo yatra. I met women who recounted their difficulties. Our guarantees are aimed at addressing such issues," he said.

The Congress would increase the quantum of reservation for SC/STs if it was voted to power in Karnataka. "I am very confident that the Congress will hold the reins of power in Karnataka and fulfil the promises made to the people. Congress will sweep these polls. I know that," he said.

"The Union government is selling public assets to their friends. Several airports and seaports have been given at a pittance to people like Gautam Adani who are friends of the ruling party. All this should stop, and vital areas should remain in the public sector," he said.

Seer asks leaders to stop raking up issue of Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda

Minister withdraws decision to make movie on them after meeting Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Intervening in the raging controversy over Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda, alleged fictional characters propped up by BJP as the killers of Tipu Sultan, the Adichunchanagiri Mutt, the religious institution of dominant Vokkaliga community, not only stopped a film to be made by Minister Munirathna, but has directed Vokkaliga leaders cutting across party lines to refrain from raking up the issue that could insult the community.

Horticulture Minister Munirathna with Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer Nirmalananda Swami in Bengaluru on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A day after announcing the launch of the movie Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda under his production house Vrushabhavati Productions, Mr. Munirathna on Monday announced that he will not go ahead with the production. His announcement came after meeting Adichunchanagiri Mutt seer Nirmalananda Swami here. It is learnt that the seer not only expressed his displeasure over the issue that could portray the community in poor light, but was against making of the movie.

Mr. Munirathna, who had earlier registered the title with the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce, had on Sunday announced the movie with a poster on Twitter, and had said that it would go under production on May 18. Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan was to write the screenplay, but distanced himself from the film late on Sunday evening. Revenue Minister R. Ashok and BJP general secretary C.T. Ravi's photographs too were on the poster.

"I told the seer that I will not do anything to hurt sentiments of others. I told him that I will drop the film and not participate in the discussion around Uri Gowda-Nanje Gowda. After *Kurukshetra*, I was planning to do a historical film," Mr. Muniratna said, after meeting the seer. Blaming former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy for his decision on the film, the Minister said: "I had no thought of making the film, but it was only after Mr. Kumaraswamy ridiculed that Dr. Narayan had told me to do a film, that I decided to go ahead."

Meanwhile, the seer of Adichunchanagiri Mutt felt that without proper research on the subject, it is not appropriate to speak on the issue and cause confusion among youth. In a stern message to BJP leaders, he said: "Mr. Ravi, Mr. Narayan, Mr. Gopalaiah, or anyone who is talking about the subject has been made aware of the history. expect them to keep quiet now." He also urged whoever had inscriptions or documents pertaining to Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda should give it to the Mutt so that experts and historians could review it.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said they will abide by the seer's instructions to immediately stop the making of a movie.

Courts' delay in granting interim relief in domestic violence cases amounts to apathy towards litigant women: HC

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that keeping pending applications filed by aggrieved women for interim reliefs under the Protection of Woman from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, amounts to displaying apathy towards litigant women, the High Court of Karnataka has directed that the trial courts must decide such applications within 60 days as mandated in the statute.

"When a woman, who is a victim of domestic violence, knocks at the doors of the magistrate under the Act seeking maintenance, shelter or monetary relief, such grievance have to be addressed with immediacy. It is for this reason that the statute mandates that such applications have to be disposed of within 60 days in terms of Section 12 (5) of the Act," the High Court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while noticing that applications, filed by a 28-year-old petitioner-woman seeking interim reliefs from her husband before a magistrate court in Bengaluru, are still pending for grant of interim reliefs even after 52 months.

Timeline

The High Court also laid down timeline for the trial courts to consider the applications for interim reliefs filed by the aggrieved woman, and for objections to be filed by husband.

The trial courts should given only four weeks for the husband to file objections and statement of assets and liabilities. If the husband fails to submit his statements within four weeks, the trial courts should grant ex-parte interim reliefs as per the law, the High Court said.

To achieve the said timeline, the trial courts should draw up and regulate its procedure in terms of its power under Section 28(2) of the Act, and any deviation can only be for reasons to be recorded in writing, the High Court made it clear.

"Adherence to the aforesaid timeline would be of paramount importance, as remedy under Section 12 to an aggrieved person is imperative. Therefore, timely disposal of such applications are also imperative as Section 12 is the salt of the statute; if by delay the salt would lose its savour; the statute would lose its flavour," the High Court observed.

Waiting for five years

The petitioner-woman has been denied maintenance and other benefits available under the Act for close to five years now, after she has been out of the matrimonial house, the High Court noted.

"The law courts, which exist to remedy the wrong when it is brought to its notice has to act swiftly, as it is trite that the act of court should prejudice no person. If an act of the court should not prejudice any person; the court should not permit any procrastination of the proceedings before it," the court said, while directing the trial court to decide petitioner's applications within four weeks.

The High Court also observed that: "The mandate is unequivocal as sub-section (5) mandates that the Magistrate shall endeavour to dispose every application; every application would mean each and every, not a few or more. If the delay takes away the very soul of the enactment, such delay would definitely deny justice."

Bommai describes pre-poll doles by Congress as a 'sign of nervousness'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP on Monday described the announcement of doles for unemployed youth by former Congress president Rahul Gandhi as "a sign of nervousness".

A communication from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's office said that the Congress leader had announced fresh instalment of freebies after the State government created 55 lakh jobs in a short span of time and put in place a $1 trillion economy for Karnataka.

"Ironically, Karnataka has one of the lowest unemployment rate in the country. Unemployment rate is 2.1% against the national average of 4.2%. Also, Karnataka has highly skilled manpower, who are finding employment in the knowledge economy being created in the State," the statement said.

"But Congress staring at a certain defeat has embarked on making promises ahead of the Assembly polls. It has so far made four set of promises, which it knows well cannot be fulfilled. The first three, which included ₹2,000 a month for women, would cost Karnataka ₹48,000 crore annually. If the fourth promise is implemented, Karnataka will join the company of Punjab where the State government borrows money to pay salary and pensions," the statement said.

"The fresh set of promises for unemployment allowances is Congress' admission of the party lacking in vision and agenda for development politics," the statement said.

Board exam for classes V and VIII: SC agrees to list plea on March 27

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday agreed to list on March 27 a petition by schools against a Karnataka High Court order allowing students of classes V and VIII to take State board exams.

The petition was mentioned before the Chief Justice for early listing.

A Division Bench of the High Court had stayed a single judge's decision to quash the State government circulars prescribing board exams for the two classes. The lawyer, who mentioned the case, urged the CJI to list the case before March 27. He said the exams were scheduled from that date.

But the CJI refused, at the moment, to intervene any further, saying "the High Courts know what is best in that State".

The school associations argued that changing the assessment method to State-level board exams for these two classes instead of internal school exams would affect both students and teachers. They argued the decision was taken unilaterally by the government.

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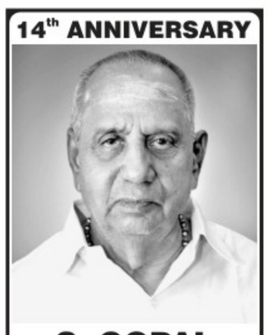

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Baburao Chinchansur resigns as member of Legislative Council

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Baburao Chinchansur, a BJP leader from Kalyana Karnataka region, resigned from his post of Member of Legislative Council on Monday. Basavaraj Horatti, chairman of the Council, confirmed his resignation.

"Mr. Chinchansur said he was looking for me for the last four days to submit his resignation. On Monday, he met me at my residence in Bengaluru and submitted his resignation. I accepted the resignation. It is his democratic right and I could not say no," Mr. Horatti told *The Hindu* over phone. This move of Mr. Chinchansur, a prominent leader of the Koli-Kabbaliga community in the Kalyana Karnataka region, triggered speculations about his next step.

He had quit the Congress and joined the BJP in 2018. He was viewed as one of the main leaders who played a crucial role in defeating veteran Congress leader, AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Speculations are rife that Mr. Chinchansur could join the Congress ahead of the imminent Assembly elections.

Foxconn finally firms up to invest ₹8,000 crore

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Taiwanese firm Foxconn, after initial hesitation, seems to have officially committed to investing ₹8,000 crore to set up an iPhone manufacturing facility in 300 acres of KIADB land at Devanahalli General Industrial Area (ITIR) in Doddaballapur on the outskirts of the city.

Foxconn's proposed investment was the key agenda for the 61st meeting of the State High-Level Clearance Committee held by the Department of Industries and Commerce here on Monday. Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development Pvt. Ltd. will establish a mobile phone plant on 300 acres of land at Doddaballapur with an investment of ₹8,000 crore in three phases, as per a State government document released by *The Hindu*.

Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development Pvt. Ltd. will set up a mobile phone plant at Doddaballapur. FILE PHOTO

The source of funding would be 'capital or other form of fund from parent company', which would cover ₹6,000 crore while the rest would be a term loan, it said.

According to the document, phase 1 (2023-24) will see an investment of ₹3,000 crore; phase 2 (2025-26) ₹4,000 crore, and phase 3 (2026-27) will involve an investment of ₹1,000 crore. By December 2025, Foxconn will have manufactured one lakh units of iPhones in its new facility in Karnataka while the production numbers are expected to reach 50 lakh units by December 2026, 10 lakh units by December 2027, 2 crore units by December 2028, and 20 crore units of phones by December 2029, as per the document.

Seven new universities get V-Cs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government, on Monday, issued orders appointing Vice-Chancellors for the newly established Universities of Chamarajanagar, Bidar, Haveri, Hassan, Kodagu, Koppal, and Bagalkot.

The names of the V-Cs are Dr. B.K. Ravi (Koppal University), Dr. Ashok Sangappa Alur (Kodagu University), Dr. M.R. Gangadhar (Chamarajanagar University), Dr. Anand Sharad Deshpande (Bagalkot University), Dr. B.S. Biradar (Bidar University), Dr. Suresh H. (Haveri University) and Dr. T.C. Taranath, (Hassan University).

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item-rate tenders, for the work in **Doddaballapura No.02 North, Devanahalli & Anekal** Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure. Tender Notification are Published for 10 works (Rs.20.00 Lakhs to 650.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal**.

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **18.03.2023**onwards. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **11:00** hours on **27.03.2023.** (3) The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on **28.03.2023** at **11.30** hours or further date and time will be Intimated. **For more details contact this office.**

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Left, Congress treat Christians in Kerala as vote bank: BJP

Minister welcomes Archbishop's statement that the community would back BJP if farmers' issues are addressed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Monday blamed the ruling Left Democratic Front and the main Opposition party in Kerala, the Congress, for treating the Christian community in the State as a captive "vote bank" and targeting Christian community leaders if they expressed support to the BJP-led Union government.

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan said this while welcoming a statement by Thalassery Archbishop Mar Joseph Pamplany of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, that their community could come out in support of the BJP if the party addresses the concerns of farmers.

He expressed concerns that criticism of the Archbishop over his statement showed that people were being asked to suppress their opinions.

Archbishop's statement

The Archbishop's statement has created ripples in the political waters of Kerala after he stated that if the Centre promised to increase the price of rubber procurement to ₹300 per kilogram, the BJP could finally get a Lok Sabha MP elected from the State. Mr. Muraleedharan was joined by BJP spokesperson Tom Vadakkan and former Union Minister K.J. Alphons.

"Do the CPI(M) and the Congress say they [Christian priests] don't have the freedom to express their views if that indirectly supports the Government of India? It is a ridiculous situation that both these parties claim to be pro-minorities but if Christian leaders speak some facts which may favour the Government of India, then they pounce upon them," said Mr. Muraleedharan.

He also targeted the Congress for blaming the BJP for alleged attacks on churches, saying these incidents have been reported from Chhattisgarh where the country's main Opposition party is in power. He noted that the BJP was in power in States such as Goa and those in the Northeast where Christians are in large numbers.

Mr. Muraleedharan had pointed out earlier that another archbishop, who had raised the issue of "narcotics jihad", was also targeted by the two parties.

The Archbishop's statement comes a couple of weeks after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, buoyed by his party's poll performance in three minority-dominated Northeastern States, said the BJP alliance would form a government in Kerala considering the increasing support of minorities for the party.

HC declares void election of Left front MLA in Devikulam

Petition filed by defeated UDF candidate said Raja didn't belong to any SC and was a Christian; court observed that he was not qualified to fill a seat which was reserved for the community

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday declared void the election of A. Raja, the Left Democratic Front (LDF) candidate from the reserved Devikulam Assembly constituency in Idukki district.

A. Raja

Justice P. Somarajan passed the verdict while allowing a petition filed by D. Kumar, the defeated United Democratic Front (UDF) candidate challenging the election of Mr. Raja. Mr. Raja won the election by a margin of 7,848 votes.

According to the petitioner, his rival did not belong to any Scheduled Caste and he was a Christian by religion. He was baptised in a CSI church. Besides, he got married in 2013 in accordance with the rites prevalent among the Christian community. His father and mother converted to Christianity in 1992 and this was evidenced from the family register and baptism register at the CSI church, Kundala. Mr. Raja's mother, who died in 2016, was buried at the CSI church on the Kundala estate.

On caste certificate

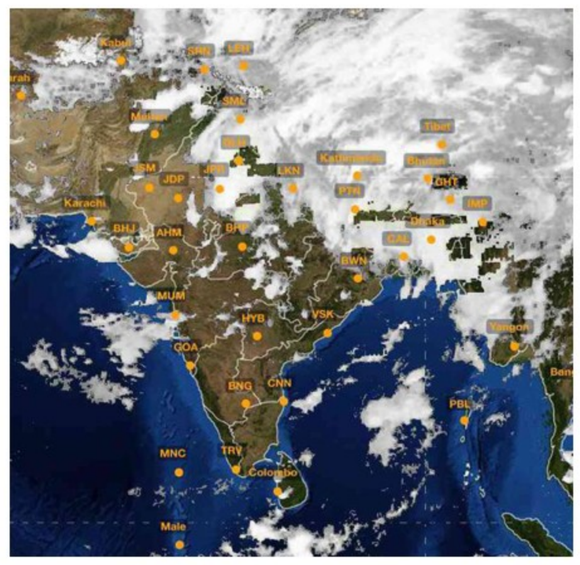
The caste certificate issued by the Devikulam tahsildar and submitted along with his nomination papers was incorrect. The certificate was issued without conducting a proper inquiry, the petitioner contended.

The court, which examined the family, baptism, marriage and burial registers, found that Mr. Raja was actually professing Christianity at the time of submission of nomination and had converted to Christianity long before its submission. As such, after the conversion, he could not claim to be a member of the Hindu religion.

The court observed that it was clear that Mr. Raja is not a member of the Hindu Parayan community within the State of Kerala and not qualified to be chosen to fill a seat in the Assembly reserved for the Scheduled Castes.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Manipur. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.5	20.0	Kozhikode	—	35.5	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	18.5	Kurnool	—	34.9	21.3
Aizawl	3	29.5	15.0	Lucknow	18	23.1	17.2
Allahabad	22.6	26.5	17.5	Madurai	—	36.2	23.7
Bengaluru	—	32.3	21.0	Mangaluru	—	33.8	22.5
Bhopal	3.8	29.5	16.2	Mumbai	—	31.8	22.2
Bhubaneswar	3.8	32.0	17.3	Mysuru	—	33.5	19.2
Chandigarh	—	27.5	16.2	New Delhi	—	27.1	17.4
Chennai	16	32.0	23.4	Patna	—	24.4	20.1
Coimbatore	—	36.0	23.4	Port Blair	—	31.8	25.3
Dehradun	—	23.9	13.6	Puducherry	10.7	32.1	22.2
Gangtok	6	13.4	9.1	Pune	—	31.9	17.3
Goa	—	32.6	22.5	Raipur	7	31.4	17.3
Guwahati	25	25.4	17.5	Ranchi	10	25.2	14.2
Hubballi	—	33.0	17.0	Shillong	42	16.1	10.6
Hyderabad	—	32.2	20.8	Shimla	6	13.0	7.6
Imphal	14	25.2	11.8	Srinagar	2	17.4	7.2
Jaipur	6	26.0	15.8	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.9	25.2
Kochi	2	32.2	25.6	Tiruchi	8	35.1	24.0
Kohima	30	19.4	9.0	Vijayawada	0.4	32.4	23.6
Kolkata	16	28.5	19.8	Visakhapatnam	5	30.2	23.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	—	.46	224	173	
Bengaluru	7	.22	.39	56	84	
Chennai	.25	.19	.81	42	38	
Delhi	.36	.91	.95	227	288	
Hyderabad	5	.36	.30	98	118	
Kolkata	3	.17	.42	27	35	
Lucknow	.10	.20	.51	84	69	
Mumbai	—	233	162	199	154	
Pune	112	162	112	41	36	
Visakhapatnam	.17	.48	.38	31	72	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 243 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

SC seeks Centre's stand on plea over Telangana Governor delaying Bills

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Centre's stand on a petition filed by the Telangana government against Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan for creating a "constitutional impasse" by refusing to act on several Bills passed by the State legislature.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud issued notice to the Centre. It asked Telangana to serve a copy of the petition to the counsel instructing Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre. The case was listed for hearing on March 27.

Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for Telangana, said the State has specifically impleaded the Governor's secretary in order for the court to issue notice to the office of the Governor.

However, the court said it would follow the convention of seeking a response from the Centre in cases in which Governors were involved.

Mr. Dave had earlier submitted that the Bills were pending since September 14 last year, awaiting the assent of the Governor.

"In a parliamentary democracy, the Governor has no discretion to delay necessary assent as required on the Bills. Any refusal on the part of the Governor, including delay, will defeat parliamentary democracy and will of the people," the State has said in its petition filed through advocate S. Udaya Kumar Sagar.

The State has urged the court to "declare that the inaction, omission and failure to comply with the constitutional mandate qua the assent of the Bills by the Governor is highly irregular, illegal".

Mr. Dave, through the petition, has argued that the Governor may or may not give assent to a Bill. However, the decision should be taken, rather than keeping the Bills pending for months together.

ED questions Kavitha in Delhi excise policy case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate on Monday questioned Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC and daughter of Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, K. Kavitha, for the second time in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

Ms. Kavitha's statement was recorded for over nine hours under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. She was earlier quizzed on March 11, following which she approached the Supreme Court where the hearing on her petition is scheduled for March 24.

Set for showers

Cloudy weather: Dark clouds hovering over Visakhapatnam on Monday. The IMD has forecast thunderstorms along with light to moderate rain in the city due to pre-monsoon weather conditions. K.R. DEEPAK

Women heads of family to get monthly honorarium

Sanjay Vijayakumar
CHENNAI

Giving life to one of the most populist Assembly election promises of the DMK, Finance Minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan in his Budget for 2023-24 on Monday announced that women heads of eligible households would be given a monthly honorarium of ₹1,000.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will launch the scheme on September 15, the birth anniversary of DMK's founder and former Chief Minister C.N. Annadurai. Mr. Thiaga Rajan informed the Assembly that the 'Magalir Urimai Thittam', will be implemented with an allocation of ₹7,000 crore.

Once implemented, will be one of the biggest cash transfer schemes implemented by any State government in India's history".

The scheme guidelines would be issued soon, he said. The Budget provided for a revision in guideline value and reduction in registration fees, expanding of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme and other infrastructure related announcements.

The Finance Minister said the revenue deficit (the difference between the government's revenue receipts and revenue expenditure) had been reduced to around ₹30,000 crore in the revised estimate for 2022-23 from the annual revenue deficit of ₹62,000 crore, which the DMK government inherited upon assuming office.

To benefit homebuyers, the Minister announced that the registration fee will be halved to 2%, while there will be an upward revision in guideline value to the rates prevailing till June 8, 2017. Henceforth, for deeds of sale, gift, exchange, 5% stamp duty, 2% transfer duty and 2% registration fee will be applicable, the Finance Minister said.

For non-family settlements, 7% stamp duty and 2% registration fee will be applicable. This measure will greatly benefit the poor and middle class, especially those who avail bank loan to buy homes, he said. Earlier, guideline value was revised downwards uniformly by 33% with effect from June 9, 2017 and simultaneously, the registration fee was increased from 1% to 4% for the deeds of sale, gift, exchange and non-family member settlement, Mr. Thiaga Rajan said.

In a post-Budget press conference, Finance Secretary N. Muruganandam said the move was expected to boost the real-estate sector and generate a revenue of ₹2,000 crore for the State. The State government has constituted a committee to suggest the revised guideline value. The survey number-wise revision is expected to take time. Since the market value has risen steeply, the government has made this move as an interim measure, Mr. Thiaga Rajan said. The Budget announced an allocation of ₹10,000 crore for Chennai Metro Rail's phase II project and announced metro rail projects for Coimbatore and Madurai, which will be implemented post-approval from Union government with funding from external agencies.

Manish Kashyap: from YouTube stardom to arrest by police for spreading rumours in T.N.

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Tripurari Kumar Tiwari, alias Manish Kashyap, is in the eye of storm yet again.

After battling several cases and controversies in the past, the popular YouTuber was arrested recently by the Bihar Police for creating panic by spreading fake videos on social media about migrants being attacked in Tamil Nadu.

On the run for more than a week, he was arrested following his surrender last Saturday at the Jagdishpur police station in West Champaran district, where he hails from.

The 33-year-old Mr. Kashyap is the prime accused in the case filed by

Manish Kashyap

Tamil Nadu Police and their counterparts in Bihar.

The Bihar Police have registered 13 cases and the T.N. Police nine cases in connection with the rumors.

According to residents of West Champaran, despite his engineering background, Mr. Kashyap began showing interest in a media career, and soon started his own YouTube channel *Sachtak*, which now has six million subscribers.

Flags social issues

Mr. Kashyap is known to highlight social issues like corruption in Bihar. The YouTuber travels across the State to film his videos and has interviewed the likes of Bollywood actor Sonu Sood and Minister Tej Pratap Yadav, eldest son of Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supremo Lalu Prasad. Mr. Kashyap had said in one of his interviews that he chose to highlight the issue of corruption after a government official asked him for a bribe for re-issuing his driving licence.

Though a popular face, Mr. Kahsyap has found himself in the middle of various controversies. For the first time, an FIR was lodged against him in 2019 for "collecting illegal money" as he had allegedly posted a message asking for donations from the public through social media. FIRs have also been filed against him for allegedly endangering the life of a police official and supporting vandalism.

Fake videos

The arrest by the Bihar Police in the T.N. rumours case is perhaps his biggest challenge yet. Sources in the Economic Offence Unit (EOU) of the State police said most of the videos circulated on social media, that sparked fear among migrants in T.N., were fake.

In fact, one of the videos in which Bihari migrants were shown with injury on the forehead was reportedly shot in the Bengali Colony of Jakkanpur locality in Patna.

Requesting anonymity, a senior EOU official told *The Hindu*, "We need to interrogate him further and several questions are unanswered now. However, in the primary interrogation he has revealed several things and also named a few politicians who were helping him."

SIT summons Revanth in TSPSC paper leak case

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the question paper leak case of Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) has served notices on Telangana Congress president A. Revanth Reddy on Monday.

He has been asked to be present before the SIT on March 23. Mr. Reddy, on Monday, reiterated his allegations stating that Rajashekhara Reddy, an accused in the case, was appointed in the TSPSC following the recommendation of Minister K. T. Rama Rao through his PA Tirupathi.

No place for civil disobedience: Australian Minister

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Cameron Dick, treasurer and Minister for trade and investment, Queensland, Australia, on Monday said there is no place for civil disobedience or criminal activities in his country.

When asked about the recent attacks on a Hindu temple and the forced close down of the Indian consulate in Brisbane by Khalistan supporters, he said: "I want to make it very clear that we have no tolerance at all in our society for any form of civil disobedience or criminal activities."

"We are a free and open democracy like India and people are entitled to protest peacefully. All people are entitled to community worship and they are allowed to do it freely without any interference. We are a country that is non-discriminatory. We very much value the freedom that people have," Mr. Dick added.

'Protect minor community'

"We are always going to protect any minor community from around the world, from India, and from more than 200 other countries that now call Queensland home," he said.

Reverse the hostility

Kerala Assembly events could have been avoided with non-partisan Speaker

Adversarial relations between the ruling party and the Opposition are inevitable in a democracy and, in a way, such relations that bring strong differences of opinion and contentious views to the fore are critical. Democracy flourishes when there is reconciliation through legislative debate. Yet, adversarial relations resulting in confrontation following the lack of discourse over differences on issues of public import, speak poorly of legislative conduct. This holds true of Kerala, where legislative business has come to a standstill after a severe deterioration in relations between the ruling coalition and the Opposition. What began as an issue of the Speaker repeatedly disallowing discussion on Rule 50 notices by the Opposition United Democratic Front last week has grown into a full-blown confrontation, with legal cases being filed against legislators after incidents that resulted in a ruckus in the Assembly. A case can be made that it ill behoves the Opposition to resort to parodying Assembly proceedings after the Speaker's denials or to protest in an unparliamentary way against the Chair, currently held by A.N. Shamseer. But the onus is on the Speaker and the ruling front to ensure that the Opposition's legislative privilege to have discussions on pressing issues is respected and allowed. Clearly, the repeated denial of discussions on Rule 50 notices and the filing of serious legal cases against Opposition members have only deepened the confrontation. Other grievances expressed by the Opposition that their legislators do not get sufficient play on Sabha TV, the official broadcaster, also seem to have merit.

On Monday, the Speaker struck a conciliatory note by expunging remarks made by him against a Congress legislator. He also assured the Opposition that he would uphold their rights that included the privilege to move Rule 50 notices on matters of "vital public importance" and ensure that the Assembly broadcaster was non-partisan. This should be the cue for both sides to begin a dialogue leading to the reversal of vituperative legal actions and the resumption of normal legislative discourse. Kerala is India's bellwether on socio-economic issues, but it faces unique challenges as an ecologically fragile State that has to work on a balance between development and ecological sustainability, as the Brahmapuram fire incident also exemplified. Healthy discussion and debate over ideas, even if adversarial, would go a long way in ensuring good governance by keeping the LDF government on its toes. How the ruling coalition and, by extension, the Chief Minister, responds to the Opposition's call for non-partisan conduct of legislative proceedings will determine the course of normalisation of relations between the two fronts in the State.

Cereal solution

Dietary shifts are slow processes, and India must let all grains grow

Millets, a family of coarse grains and popular staple, are having an unprecedented moment in the sun. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated a global conference on millets, extolling them as the "door to prosperity" for India's marginal farmers, the "cornerstone of nutrition", and as a potential ally against "climate change". The United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in the Budget speech in February, singled them out as 'Shree Anna' – roughly translated as the 'best among grains' – adding that the Indian Institute of Millets Research in Hyderabad would be supported as a centre of excellence.

Millets such as sorghum, bajra and ragi are strongly linked to Indian dietary traditions, which is why the country has for long been the largest producer of millets in the world. It is no surprise that this cereal family is popular because it is energy dense, can be grown with ease in arid soils and, relative to grains such as rice, wheat and maize, is less susceptible to pests. Why such a 'super food' got sidelined by the Green Revolution of the 1960s in favour of rice and wheat has little to do with nutrition and more with the development of high yielding varieties of rice and wheat, that produced twice or thrice per acre. Coupled with guaranteed procurement by the government, the rice-wheat combination enabled India to be food secure even in droughts and climate blights. However, this food security came at a cost such as the wanton exploitation of groundwater, a surfeit of pesticide-use, and ossified systems of grain production and procurement that, over the years, is decreasingly remunerative for the average farmer. With average global incomes having risen since the 1960s and rising demand for 'sustainable agriculture', India is looking to market millet as a global panacea. However, competing with the global rice-wheat-maize troika, which according to the Food and Agriculture Organization constitutes 89% of global cereal production, means that millet production must be many times more remunerative than now. Hybrid varieties of jowar and bajra exist, and that yields have not dramatically risen in decades despite this means that it would be unrealistic to expect quantum jumps in yield from technological tweaks alone. Dietary shifts are slow processes and promoting certain grains as 'superior' or inferior is self-defeating as it ignores the economics of production and promotes cycles of hype – as seen in cash crops. This can have consequences for marginal farmers. Letting all grains grow and helping a wider base of consumers access the cereal they want is a more sustainable enterprise.

Undermined by religious absolutism

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There is a growing tendency in India to aggrandise Muslim religious organisations for their tokenistic gestures. For instance, the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) is thought to have embraced secular polity because it no longer considers it against Islam to participate in democratic elections, and the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind (JUH) is praised for having accepted the existence of caste among Indian Muslims because it has legally sought reservation for "Dalit Muslims" in educational institutions and government jobs.

The truth

As researcher Irfan Ahmad reminds us in his essay in *Islam in South Asia in practice* edited by Barbara Metcalf, the original mission of Abul Ala Maududi's Jamaat-e-Islami was the "establishment of an Islamic state/Allah's Kingdom (*hukumat-i ilahiyya ka qayaam*)", and as such it had considered participating in elections in an "infidel (*kafirana*) state" an open violation of shari'a and Islamic monotheism.

But when in the mid-1980s the JIH lifted its ban on contesting elections was it because it jettisoned Maududian Islam? According to Ahmad, the JIH had already declared in 1961 that competing in elections is justifiable if the purpose was to make the Indian Constitution "Islamic" rather than to sustain the current "ungodly system" (*ghayr ilahi nizam*).

To this end, informs Ahmad, the Koranic phrase "*iqaamat-i din*" (establishment of Islam) was inserted into the JIH Constitution as its new mission statement which replaced the earlier one, i.e., *hukumat-i ilahiyya* (Allah's kingdom). This change reflects in Article 4 of the constitution, which enjoins that "*Iqaamat-e-Deen*" should be "so enforced and given effect to in all aspects of human life, individual as well as corporate, that the development of the individual, the reconstruction of society and the formation of State should all conform to this very Deen".

Even the JUH, the promoter of composite nationalism against the Muslim League's two-nation theory, had piously hoped that one day, all Indians will become Muslims.

In *Muttahida Qawmiyyat aur Islam*, Hussain Ahmad Madani (1879-1957), a prominent member of the JUH, wrote that the need for liberation (*najaat*) from the miseries (*masaa'ib*) the British had heaped upon Indians would no longer remain when all citizens of India (*tamaam baashindagaan-e-mulk*) entered the sphere of Islam (*halqa-e-Islam mein daakhil hojaayen*).

As for caste among Muslims, the JUH has never questioned the tribalistic definition of marital equality (*kafa'at*) propounded by the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) in Section 117(3) of its Compendium of Islamic Laws: "Regard shall be had in respect of descent among the Arabs, especially the Quraish, and those non-Arab families who have preserved descent. People in the rest of the non-Arab Muslim world are mutually equal. On the basis of this principle, a girl can get terminated her marriage to a non-equal contracted by her guardian; and a guardian has the right to terminate the marriage of an adult woman to a non-equal."

The bigoted exclusivism of most Muslim religious outfits can be traced to the pre-colonial period when Muslim sovereignty in India was equated with Islamic conquest. For instance, we know from historian K.A. Nizami's account that wiping out "polytheistic practices" was one of the reasons given by Shah Waliullah (1703-1762), the famous Hanafi theologian, for inviting the Afghan ruler Ahmad Shah Abdali to save the Mughal empire from the Marathas and Jats. Similarly, it was the fear of the dilution of Islamic ideals that forced another Hanafi mystic, Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi (1564-1624), to oppose emperor Akbar's religious universalism.

However, although Islam was exploited by Muslim rulers in India to idealise their rule, what they presided over was by no means an Islamic state or a caliphate. Yet, the hegemonic temporality of their empires remains subsumed under the hubristic belief of the clerics that they were iconoclastic kingdoms divinely installed to establish monotheistic Islam in a polytheistic India.

> The Indian Muslim community needs to question how some religious bodies, in the name of protecting an unreformed personal law, continue to issue blinkered advisories to establish their authority

Power versus authority

Unsuccessful attempts to Islamise pre-colonial India were not just expressions of uncompromising exclusivism but a manifestation of the struggle between power (the state) and authority (the ulama) that has been going on ever since the establishment of the Umayyad dynasty in 661 CE.

The clerical demand has been simple: in a Muslim polity, Islam should be the state religion, and the authority to interpret it must be vested with the ulama. A thoughtless implementation of this condition can be found in Articles 227-231 of the Pakistani Constitution, which state that all laws shall be in conformity with the injunctions of Islam as laid down in the Koran and Sunnah, and a "Council of Islamic Ideology" will decide "as to whether a proposed law is or is not repugnant to the injunctions of Islam."

No change in attitude

What is astonishing is that some religious outfits continue to be under the delusion that even in democratic India they would be allowed to establish their authority over Muslims in the name of protecting an unreformed personal law. They are oblivious to the fact that their silences and statements on contemporary issues give the impression that they live in a medieval bubble.

For instance, there is no evidence of these outfits having condemned the conversion in July 2020 of a historic church into a mosque in Turkey, or the misuse of blasphemy laws in Pakistan.

But when the Supreme Court delegitimised the practice of instant triple talaq, the JUH general secretary is alleged to have responded that the practice will continue to be recognised. The JIH echoed similar views even before the judgment when its president issued the ludicrous warning that "banning triple talaq will not benefit Muslim women".

Likewise, on the issue of interfaith marriage (under the Special Marriage Act, 1954), the AIMPLB, in an August 2021 press release, asked Muslim parents to keep a penetrating eye (*gehri nazar*) on the mobile phones of their children, and convince them that the life partner for a Muslim can only be a Muslim (*aek Musalmaan ke liye Musalmaan hi zindagi ka saathi ho sakta hai*). The Board also instructed Muslim religious organisations to go to the houses of those who give notice of intended marriage to the Marriage Registrar and inform them that after their *naam nihaad nikah* (so-called marriage), they will be spending their entire lives in a prohibited relationship (*unki poori zindagi haraam mein guzregi*).

The fact that such blinkered advisories enjoy a free reign in India begs the question: how long will the Muslims allow religious absolutism to undermine their personal autonomy?

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Concluding on a high note, in Manhattan

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India concluded its eighth stint in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) at the end of December 2022. And, by any yardstick, its two-year stint has been unprecedented. It has been my privilege to serve as India's Ambassador/Permanent Representative in the Council for 18 out of the 24 months.

I arrived in New York in May 2020, on a relief flight, when COVID-19 was at its peak, only to find the empty roads of Manhattan. The UN had begun conducting its sessions virtually. Fortunately, by May 2021, the UNSC resumed physical meetings in the Council Chamber.

Hitting the ground running

When we entered the Council on January 1, 2021, we had clear priorities. We focused *inter alia* on maritime security, terrorism, UN peacekeeping, reformed multilateralism and the Global South. India was elected Chair of three important UNSC Committees: the Taliban Sanctions Committee, Libyan Sanctions Committee and Counter-terrorism Committee.

The Prime Minister of India chaired for the first time a UNSC meeting on maritime security. The Presidential Statement issued was the first holistic document on this issue which, for the first time, had a direct reference to UN Convention on the Law of the Sea as international law setting out the legal framework in the context of maritime activities. It also called for, *inter alia*, freedom of navigation, anti-piracy and combating terror and transnational crime at sea.

Old conflicts on the UNSC agenda festered and new conflicts were added – Myanmar, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mali or Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Haiti, Libya, the Sahel, and of course Ukraine. The Council stood polarised, unable to act decisively. India strove to bring them on the same page.

There was a military takeover in Myanmar on February 1, 2021 soon after we came into the Council. The Permanent-5 (P-5) were pulling in opposing directions while the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) counselled caution. India shares a nearly 1,700 kilometre-long border with Myanmar and it was vital to stop violence, bring in stability and ensure democratic processes went forward. India ensured balanced and comprehensive Council pronouncements, which finally culminated in a resolution on Myanmar (adopted under our presidency) in December 2022.

> India's eighth stint in the United Nations Security Council has raised the bar high

Key theatres and terror

In August 2021, the Taliban forcefully seized power in Afghanistan. India was able to steer the negotiations which resulted in UNSC Resolution 2593 laying down benchmarks: on stopping cross-border terrorism from Afghan soil, including from proscribed UN terrorist entities in Pakistan; protecting the rights of women, minorities and children; ensuring an inclusive government, and providing humanitarian assistance. With the UN Secretariat and the West trying to engage the Taliban without success, a firm position on the Taliban upholding these benchmarks continues to be the best course of action.

It was during the Ukraine conflict that India's independent stand calling for dialogue and peace struck a chord with many developing countries, since they themselves were affected by unilateral sanctions. All levers were being weaponised. India spoke out against such sanctions *inter alia* on oil, food and fertilizers. With this conflict spilling over into India's G-20 Presidency, it is time for India, as a credible voice, to launch an initiative to convert its proactive position into action.

India has enhanced the focus on terrorism. As Chair of the UNSC Counter-terrorism Committee (CTC), we brought the CTC meeting to India in October 2022. While India's attempt to list terrorists under UNSC Resolution 1267 sanctions (along with the U.S.) was thwarted, in a significant development, the proposal to list Abdul Rehman Makki, Deputy Amir/Chief of the Lashkar-e-Taiba was approved by the UNSC. This listing was the first, with India as a proposer.

On peacekeeping

India has been the largest contributor of UN peacekeepers, including as a pioneer in women peacekeeping. Its launching of the UNITE Aware technology platform to strengthen real-time protection of peacekeepers is to be noted. In August 2021, we piloted the first UNSC resolution by India in more than five decades, calling for accountability for crimes against peacekeepers. We gifted two lakh vaccines to all UN peacekeepers.

Our focus on the developing world, especially Africa and West Asia, was enhanced, given our close historical relations.

In December 2021, we thwarted a move by the West to wrest climate change from the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change-led process and bring it under the ambit of the UNSC, where the P-5 are also major historical polluters. The draft resolution was defeated in the Council when India and Russia voted against. A change in the climate change architecture would have shut out the voice of the Global South, especially Small Island Developing States.

In a first, India also raised the issue of a contemporary form of religiophobia in the Council when, while condemning phobia against Abrahamic religions, it forcefully put forth the need to combat rising hate crimes and phobias against non-Abrahamic religions as well. With hate crimes being fuelled abroad by vested interests, India's stand needs to be robustly taken forward.

The culmination was a discussion under India's Presidency on the need for immediate reform of the Council. The Indian team's performance over two years is testimony to why India needs to be at the horseshoe table permanently.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In London

What happened in London, where 'pro-Khalistan' protestors brought down the Tricolour, is highly condemnable (Inside pages, "Khalistan protestors take down Tricolour, try to storm High Commission in London", March 20).

The security forces over there should have taken proactive measures to stop this kind of dishonour to the flag on foreign soil.

What was the Indian High Commission doing?

I feel many political parties in the north have not learnt their lessons from dalliances with such elements and the consequences thereafter.

N. Nagarajan,
Secunderabad

Foreign lawyers

The entry of foreign lawyers in India is a very disturbing trend in the constitutional history of the evolution of law in our country which is intended for the struggling poor. It will undoubtedly lead to commercialisation, which is not the purpose of the legal system in India. It will only benefit a few already prosperous lawyers and affect the millions who are looking forward to justice. We are already witness to the havoc to arbitration in terms of professional ethics. Entry into the legal profession is not like entry into trade and commerce.

The balance sheets are different. Trade has no constitutional balance, whereas the entry of foreign lawyers is about constitutional balance in terms of emancipation and building firm roots in terms of the democractic rule of law and justice to the masses. Years ago, when a team of the British legal department came to India and spoke about the entry of foreign lawyers, it was pointed out to them that it would be nothing short of neo-imperialism.

Allowing foreign lawyers to practise in India defies the preamble.

N.G.R. Prasad,
Chennai

Awaiting recognition

There is a backlog of senior and deserving senior Sangeeta Vidwans, past 60 and above, languishing in the wings and waiting to be honoured by the Madras Music Academy. The Academy could start conferring group awards and honour much deserving vidwans and vidushis in both the Sangeetam and Naatya fields.

V.P. Dhananjayan,
Chennai

Corrections & Clarifications

A report titled "Sangita Kalanidhi award for 2023 goes to Bombay Jayashri" (March 20, 2023, some editions) erroneously said that noted thavil player and teacher Thirunageswaram had been selected for the TTK award. Thirunageswarm is a town in Tamil Nadu. The name of the awardee is Thirunageswarm T.R. Subramaniam.

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The wide disparities in human development

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India is now one of the fastest-growing economies globally. However, this growth has not resulted in a corresponding increase in its Human Development Index (HDI). The HDI is a composite statistical measure created by the United Nations Development Programme to evaluate and compare the level of human development in different regions around the world. It was introduced in 1990 as an alternative to conventional economic measures such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which do not consider the broader aspects of human development. The HDI assesses a country's average accomplishment in three aspects: a long and healthy life, knowledge, and a decent standard of living. According to the Human Development Report of 2021-22, India ranks 132 out of 191 countries, behind Bangladesh (129) and Sri Lanka (73).

Given India's size and large population, it is critical to address the subnational or State-wise disparities in human development. Doing so will help India realise its demographic dividend. For this purpose, I have developed a new index using the methodology suggested by the UNDP and the National Statistical Office (NSO) which measures human development on a subnational level for 2019-20.

Calculating HDI

The HDI is calculated using four indicators: life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and Gross National Income (GNI) per capita. Life expectancy estimates are taken from the Sample Registration System, and mean and expected years of schooling are extracted from National Family Health Survey-5. Since estimates for GNI per capita are unavailable at the subnational level, gross state domestic product (GSDP) per capita is used as a proxy indicator to measure the standard of living. GSDP (PPP at constant prices 2011-12) is gathered from the Reserve Bank of India's Handbook of Statistics on Indian States. GSDP per capita is estimated using the population projection provided by the Registrar General of India's office. The methodology involves calculating the geometric mean of the normalised indices for the three dimensions of human development while applying the maximum and minimum values recommended by the UNDP and NSO. HDI scores range from 0 to 1, with higher values indicating higher levels of human development.

The subnational HDI shows that while some States have made considerable progress, others continue to struggle. Delhi occupies the top spot and Bihar occupies the bottom spot. Nonetheless, it is worth noting that Bihar, unlike the previous HDI reports, is no longer considered a low human development State.

The five States with the highest HDI scores are Delhi, Goa, Kerala, Sikkim, and Chandigarh. Delhi and Goa have HDI scores above 0.799, which makes them equivalent to countries in Eastern Europe with a very high level of human development. Nineteen States, including Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab, Telangana, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh, have scores ranging between 0.7 and 0.799 and are classified as high human development States.

The bottom five States are Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Assam, with medium levels of human development. This category also includes States such as Odisha, Rajasthan, and West Bengal, which have HDI scores below the national average. The scores of these low-performing States resemble those of African countries such as Congo, Kenya, Ghana, and Namibia.

Despite having the highest SGDP per capita among larger States, Gujarat and Haryana have failed to translate this advantage into human development and rank 21 and 10, respectively.

Conversely, Kerala stands out with consistently high HDI values over the years, which can be attributed to its high literacy rates, robust healthcare infrastructure, and relatively high income levels. Bihar, however, has consistently held the lowest HDI value among the States, with high poverty levels, low literacy rates, and poor healthcare infrastructure being the contributing factors. It is worth noting that the impact of COVID-19 on subnational HDI is not captured here. The full impact of COVID-19 on human development will be known when post-pandemic estimates are available.

Reasons for discrepancies

One of the main reasons for this discrepancy is that economic growth has been unevenly distributed. The top 10% of the Indian population holds over 77% of the wealth. This has resulted in significant disparities in access to basic amenities, healthcare and education. Another reason is that while India has made significant progress in reducing poverty and increasing access to healthcare and education, the quality of such services remains a concern. For example, while the country has achieved near-universal enrolment in primary education, the quality of education remains low.

Governments must prioritise human development alongside economic growth to ensure that the benefits of growth are more evenly distributed. This requires a multi-faceted approach that addresses income inequality and gender inequality; improves access to quality social services; addresses environmental challenges; and provides for greater investment in social infrastructure such as healthcare, education, and basic household amenities including access to clean water, improved sanitation facility, clean fuel, electricity and Internet in underdeveloped States. India must prioritise investments in human development and job creation, particularly for its youth.

Governments must prioritise human development alongside economic growth to ensure that the benefits of growth are more evenly distributed

A fiscal mess in West Bengal

If the Trinamool government not does act soon, the road ahead will be bumpy

STATE OF PLAY

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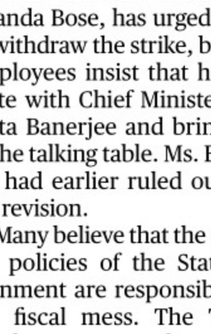
The West Bengal government allocated ₹10,767 crore for Lakshmir Bhandar, a cash transfer scheme to all women in the State aged 25-60 years, for 2020-23. This was 13.6% of the State's tax revenue for 2022-23. Four schemes of the West Bengal government – Lakshmir Bhandar, Kanyashree Prakalpa, Krishak Bandhu and Rupashree Prakalpa – made up 23.8% of the tax revenue of the State for 2022-23, according to data published in the Reserve Bank of India's monthly bulletin in June 2022.

On February 15, 2023, when the 2023-24 Budget was tabled in the Assembly, the Trinamool Congress government announced that Lakshmir Bhandar beneficiaries would be linked to the pension scheme when they turn 60. The Budget provided benefits for dependent families in the event of deaths of fishermen and launched new schemes for the youth which would provide them loans to them to start a business. There are about 55 welfare schemes in the State. Most of them are aimed at women, students, the elderly and other weaker sections, and the Trinamool government takes pride in them.

However, the State continues to struggle to come up with new ways to generate revenue and the stress of huge spending on these welfare schemes are showing up in the Budget figures. The fiscal deficit of the State is at an all-time high of ₹65,838.92 crore (2023-24). The State government had to scale down capital expenditure from



₹33,144.37 crore in the Budget for 2022-23 to ₹21,468.37 crore (revised for 2022-23). In terms of per capita GSDP, West Bengal, which is among the bigger States in the country, was ranked 26th for 2019-20. In the same period, it was ranked 17th out of 18 States in terms of size of debt to GSDP ratio.

The State government is unable to pay Dearness Allowance (DA) to its employees on a par with the Centre and other States. The Calcutta High Court had pointed out that DA was the right of State government employees. The employees claim that DA in the State is 35% less than what is given to Central government employees. A section of the employees called a strike on March 10, which was largely a success. The Governor, C.V. Ananda Bose, has urged them to withdraw the strike, but the employees insist that he mediate with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and bring her to the talking table. Ms. Banerjee had earlier ruled out any DA revision.

Many believe that the populist policies of the State government are responsible for the fiscal mess. The Trinamool government has doled out cash to thousands of clubs, whether for organising community Durga Pujas or for promoting sports. While these have helped the party cement its political base, they have hurt the State's finances.

The ghosts of the violent agitations at Singur and Nandigram continue to haunt the State. Despite big business names participating in the Biswa Bangla Global Summit for several years, there is no silver lining in the industrial situation of the State.

Industries such as jute and tea, which were the bedrock of the State's economy and provided employment to lakhs of people, are in the doldrums. The poor condition of roads and the crumbling health and education infrastructure are evidence of the lack of capital expenditure.

Out-migration is turning out to be a bigger problem with every passing year. The Trinamool government has not considered any policy interventions to provide employment to the thousands of workers who migrate to States in the west and south. A large share of the population in Bengal survives on remittances and doles offered by the State government. While the cash transfers did help the majority of them to sustain themselves, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trinamool government needs to think beyond its time-tested formula that has helped it reap political dividends.

Too much dependence on welfare schemes has also led to corruption in implementation of MGNREGA and the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The political slugfest between the Centre and State over corruption and the discontinuation of Central funds had not only adversely impacted the State's finances, but has also pushed the beneficiaries to the brink. Eleven years is a long time in governance. If the Trinamool government not does change the gears of the State's economy and clean up the financial mess, the people will have to brace for a bumpy ride in the years ahead.

The citizenship dilemma over Islamic State women returnees

Of IS affiliates, about 18% men and only 5% of women returned to their country of departure

DATA POINT

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In 2015, 15-year-old Shamima Begum and two of her friends left East London to join the Islamic State (IS), a Sunni jihadist group, in Syria. At the time, IS had strongholds in Syria and Iraq and was recruiting members to its "caliphate" through propaganda. Sometimes the group would reportedly show potential recruits videos of gruesome murders and sometimes it would promise them a utopia where Muslims could live peacefully. Begum claims she was promised such a utopia. After joining IS, Begum married an IS fighter. She had three children. (All of them later died). In 2019, during the fall of IS, a pregnant Begum said she wanted to return to the U.K., but stopped short of saying she regretted joining the group.

Her apparent lack of remorse shocked British officials, who revoked her citizenship. Since then, Begum has repeatedly petitioned U.K. courts to return. Late last month, a court said there was a credible case that Begum was trafficked, but she still posed a threat to national security. Stripping people of their citizenship has become an increasingly popular way of battling terrorism in the post-9/11 world.

Chart 1 shows the share of countries with laws allowing citizenship to be revoked over disloyalty to one's nation in 2013 and 2020. The share of countries that had such a law in place increased from 52% to 79% in the period.

There are many like Begum. Jack Letts or "Jihadi Jack" was stripped of British citizenship, but is still a citizen of Canada. Areeb Majeed was arrested after returning to India, but remains a citizen. **Map 2** shows the region-wise breakdown of the country of origin of IS affiliates.

Map 3 shows the region-wise breakdown of the number of people associated with IS who returned to their country of departure. Although 41,490 people left their countries to join IS, only 7,366 returned, as per latest estimates. Europe saw the second-highest number of returnees after North Africa. Debates on how to handle such fighters/affiliates are most intense and complicated in these regions.

Apart from recruiting fighters, IS's promise of a utopian society attracted women, minors and sometimes even entire families. While men were mostly fighters, women were used as jihadi brides and carried out "caliphate-building" roles. The role of women and children as people who were not foreign terrorist fighters but were still advancing IS's cause poses a dilemma for officials who examine cases such as Begum's.

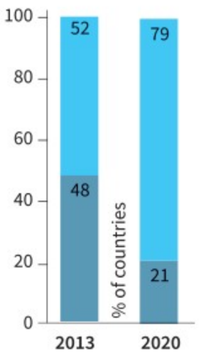
Of the returnees, men make up a majority. Of the approximately 31,000 men who were IS affiliates, about 18% were able to return in contrast to just about 5% of women. A report by the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation says there are several reasons for this. Women living under IS were unable to travel without a male guardian and were usually forced to surrender their passports on arrival. For the women, especially if thy had children, to trust human smugglers was complicated and risky. The report states that in 2015, only two Western women were able to return, compared to 30% of men. **Chart 4** shows the breakdown of men, women and minors who were able to return.

Begum is among those women who are unable to leave Syria. Given her association with IS, and her lack of regret over joining the group in 2019, the U.K. courts remain convinced that she poses a national security threat. Effectively stateless, she continues to live in the Al-Hawl refugee camp in northern Syria alongside thousands of other former jihadi brides and their children.

The fraught issue of IS returnees

The charts and maps are sourced from the Global Citizenship Observatory and the International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation

Chart 1 | The % of nations that had laws to revoke citizenship over disloyalty to the nation and those that didn't



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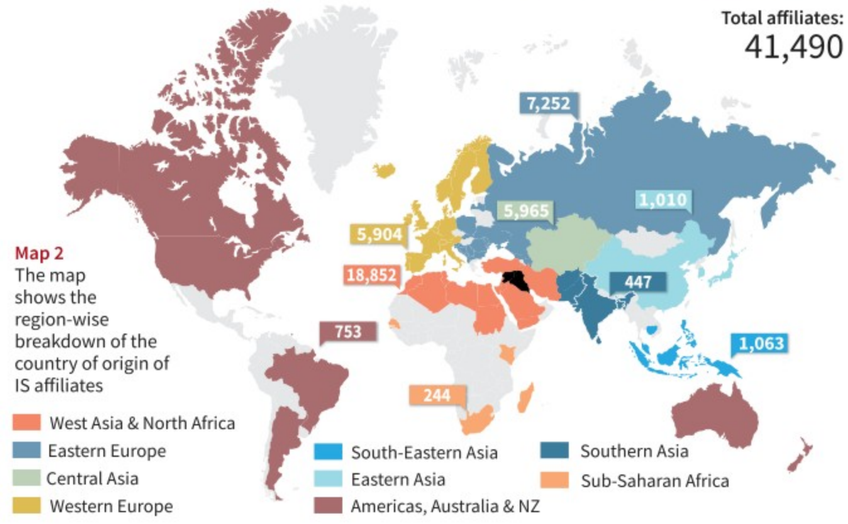

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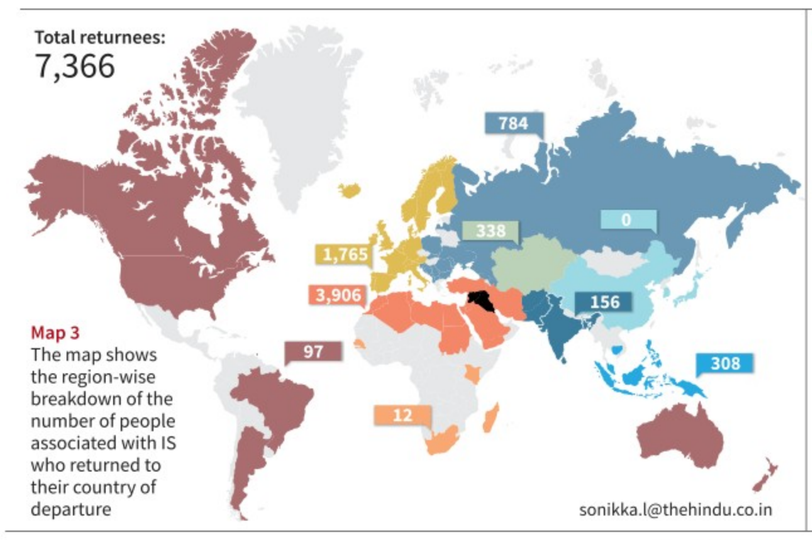

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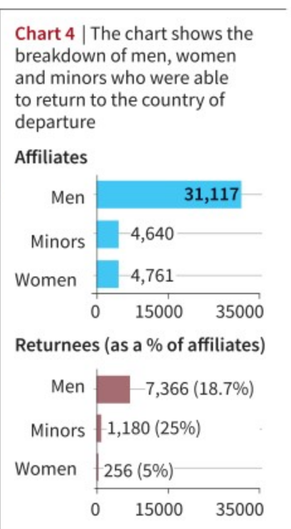


FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 21, 1973

Mustard oil price: MP Minister's claim

New Delhi, March 20: In the Lok Sabha to-day, the Government agreed to re-examine its decision to allow the vanaspati manufacturers to use mustard oil in place of groundnut oil after being grilled by members over the sudden spurt in edible oil prices in Eastern Indian States. The announcement was made by the Minister of State for Food and Agriculture, Mr. Sher Singh, who maintained that the decision had not had any adverse effect on the prices of mustard oil. On the contrary, he said with an increase in mustard seed production of some six lakh tonnes this year, prices had begun registering a downward trend this March. The Congress and Opposition members from the Eastern States contested the Minister's claim. Mr. Shashi Bhushan (Cong) accused that the Agriculture Ministry was giving "false statistics." Members from all sides said the prices had gone up by Rs. two a kilo. The Minister replied in the negative when asked whether the vanaspati manufacturers of Gujarat were buying mustard seeds in large quantities and thereby creating scarcity in mustard oil.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 21, 1923

Leprosy in India

Leafield (Oxford) midnight March 20: Lecturing on leprosy before the Royal Society of Arts Sir Leonard Rogers related the favourable results on the treatment of disease with chaulmoogra oil and other similar oils such as cod liver oil and royalin oil. He said that every case thus treated had remained free from all signs of disease for at least five years, while the infectivity of the disease had been greatly reduced or completely removed in the successful cases. Sir Leonard Rogers added that hitherto the greatest obstacle in the campaign against leprosy had been the reluctance of lepers to apply for treatment which had not been only unsatisfactory, but meant isolation of lepers in asylums. Now, however, this treatment was available which would both ameliorate the condition of lepers and render diseases less ineffective. Conditions were completely altered. For the first time in the long struggle against leprosy in Sandwich Islands numerous early cases had come forward in more curable stages and asked for new treatment and the same all important change was taking place in India and China.

From Page One

Kishida calls for unified stand on global order

"PM Kishida is clear that today's Ukraine could be tomorrow's Asia," he said, indicating Japan's concerns over China's actions in the Senkaku Islands, South China Sea and Taiwan Straits. Mr. Shikata said the issue of "shared responsibilities" on the rule of law between India and Japan was discussed by the two leaders during bilateral talks. The Japanese Prime Minister went on to launch Japan's "New Plan for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

Common perspective

"Russia's aggression against Ukraine obliges us to face the most fundamental challenge; defending peace," Mr. Kishida said at the Sapru House lecture organised by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), adding that it was necessary for countries to build a common perspective on what international order should be. "This was clearly demonstrated by the considerable discrepancies in the attitudes across various countries toward Russia's aggression against Ukraine," Mr. Kishida said, indicating countries like India, that have not criticised Russia's actions openly.

Mr. Kishida praised Mr. Modi's statement from September 2022 that "this era is not of war", and officials said Japan is hopeful that India would be more "forthcoming" during the upcoming G-7 summit, which would see a number of documents calling for Russia to end the war in Ukraine. While his appearance has not been confirmed, Ukrainian President Zelensky has reportedly been invited to address the summit virtually.

The two leaders, who met again in the evening to visit the Buddha Jayanti park together, also discussed a number of bilateral issues, as well as plans to cooperate on countries in south Asia. They also exchanged documents on the financing of the next (IVth) tranche of Japanese funding for a loan of 300 billion Yen for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) or "Bullet Train" project, as well as an MoU on Japanese language education for the MEA. Mr. Kishida also said Japan plans to mobilise a total of U.S. $75 billion in public and private funds by 2030. In particular, he mentioned about coordinating with India for projects as a part of a "Bay of Bengal-Northeast India industrial value chain" concept.

Parliament stays stalled over Rahul remarks, JPC demand

Treasury benches raise slogans against Congress leader, Opposition counters with the Adani issue; Speaker objects to a member showing a placard reading 'Please allow Parliament to function'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Both Houses of Parliament remained paralysed on Monday over the BJP's insistence on an apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his democracy remarks and the Opposition's demand for a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into the alleged stock manipulation by the Adani Group.

Amid the regular disruptions since March 13, Mr. Gandhi has once again written to the Lok Sabha Speaker to allow him to respond to the BJP that has been attacking him for his "democracy under attack" statement that he had made in London. The letter, said sources, was written on March 18.

As soon as the Lok Sabha met, members of the treasury benches raised slogans against Mr. Gandhi. Opposition members, including those from the Congress, however countered, by shouting slogans demanding a JPC on the Adani issue.

Not on the same page: Shiromani Akali Dal member Harsimrat Kaur Badal displays a placard as Janata Dal (United) MP Lalan Singh speaks in the Lok Sabha during the Budget Session on Monday. PTI

Speaker Om Birla urged the members to allow the Question Hour to take place and assured that he would give everyone an opportunity later.

"Nation wants to watch the House proceedings. This House belongs to you and I will ensure that all of you get adequate opportunity to speak as per rules after the Question Hour," Mr. Birla said.

Keep away placards

The Speaker also cautioned a Treasury bench member for sloganeering and took objection to Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) member Harsimrat Kaur Badal showing a placard from her seat.

Ms. Badal's poster read, "Please allow Parliament to function" on one side and "save democracy" on the other side.

"You want Parliament to function and bring placards in the House? Is it your way of running Parliament? ...Placards are not allowed," Mr. Birla told Ms. Badal as he asked her to stop displaying the placard.

As the members didn't relent, Mr. Birla adjourned the House till 2 p.m. Finally, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day soon after papers and reports were laid on the floor of the House when it reassembled at 2 p.m.

The Rajya Sabha functioned for nine minutes in the pre-lunch session. Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar informed the House that he received 14 notices under Rule 267 that requires suspension of day's business.

SC clubs FIRs against Khera, protection from arrest extended

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Pawan Khera

The Supreme Court on Monday clubbed the first information reports (FIRs) lodged in Assam and Uttar Pradesh against Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera and transferred them to the Hazratganj police station in Lucknow while extending his protection from arrest till April 10.

The FIRs were separately registered against Mr. Khera at the Haflong police station in Dima Hasao district of Assam, and at the Cantonment police station, Varanasi, and Hazratganj police station in Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. Khera is reported to have referred to the Prime Minister as "Narendra Gautamdas Modi" during a press conference seeking a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the U.S.-based Hindenburg Research's report against the Adani Group, led by Gautam Adani.

A Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud gave Mr. Khera time till April 10 to approach the jurisdictional court at Hazratganj to apply for regular bail.

The CJI said the benefit of interim bail was given to Mr. Khera on the basis of his unconditional apology.

In their affidavits filed recently in the case, the two States had argued that Mr. Khera's apology was merely a "tactical submission to get a preventive order without any genuine remorse or repentance". '

Assam submitted that the statements by the Congress leader were "deliberate utterances which has brought discourse to its lowest".

Have sought time for Rahul to speak in LS today: Kharge

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday said that time has been sought for Rahul Gandhi to speak in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday and that he will make his statement if allowed.

Mr. Kharge also slammed the BJP-led government over the Delhi Police team reaching Mr. Gandhi's residence on Sunday to inquire about his "women are still being sexually assaulted" statement made during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"This is an attempt to target and harass. They want to weaken us by intimidation, but we will not get scared or be weakened," Mr. Kharge said.

Mr. Kharge's remarks come amid the logjam in Parliament over Mr. Gandhi's statements made during his trip to the U.K.with both Houses failing to transact any significant business during the session.

'Implead BJP in plea against parties with religious symbols'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The IUML application said the lotus is very much related to Hindu Gods/Goddess

The Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) on Monday asked the Supreme Court to implead the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in a writ petition filed by it, seeking the cancellation of symbols and names allotted to the political parties with religious connotations.

Appearing before a Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah, the IUML, represented by senior advocate Dushyant Dave and advocate Haris Beeran, said the "flower lotus is a religious symbol and very much related to Hinduism and Buddhism. Therefore, the BJP being a political party carrying a religious symbol ought to be impleaded in the writ petition".

The petition, filed by former Uttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board Chairman Syed Waseem Rizvi (now converted as Jitendra Narayan Singh Tyagi), has sought a direction to the Election Commission to "cancel the symbol and name allotted to political parties using religion in their name or carrying religious connotations in their symbol".

Only two respondents

However, the petitioner, according the to IUML, added only it and another party, All India Majlis-E-Ittehadul Muslimeen, as respondents.

Mr. Dave argued that at least 26 national and regional political parties and urged the court to make them respondents.

"According to Hinduism, the lotus is very much related to Hindu Gods/Goddess and the same has been mentioned in the Holy Bhagavad Gita," the IUML application said.

The Bench adjourned the case.

Govt. nod for CBI inquiry against Harsh Mander's NGO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has recommended an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against a non-governmental organisation (NGO) run by prominent human rights and peace activist and former bureaucrat Harsh Mander.

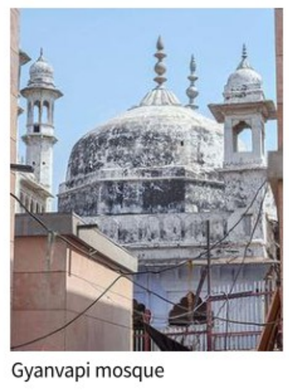
A senior government official said on Monday that the go-ahead for the CBI probe was given against the NGO – Aman Biradari – for alleged violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act.

According to Mr. Mander's website, Aman Biradari was established after the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Mr. Mander did not comment on the issue but a source close to the activist said that Aman Biradari doesn't have an FCRA registration. "We are yet to receive any official communication regarding the irregularities," the source said.

Gyanvapi dispute: ASI given more time to reply on '*shivling*'

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI


Gyanvapi mosque

The Allahabad High Court on Monday granted one more chance to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to file its reply on whether carbon dating, ground penetrating radar (GPR), excavation or any other method can be used for safe evaluation of the age of the *shivling*-like structure purportedly found inside the Gyanvapi Mosque complex.

The matter is being heard by the Bench of Justice Arvind Kumar Mishra-I, who asked the ASI to expedite the process as their "time-extension application is working against the interest of justice" and the issue should not be allowed to go any further than April 5.

In January, Manoj Kumar Singh, counsel for the ASI, had sought eight weeks' time from the court saying the agency needs more time to consult with other institutions and agencies to conclude if the age of the *shivling* can be evaluated. The HC had granted ASI the time. The agency has now been given time till April 5 to file its reply.

The case pertains to a revision plea moved by Lakshmi Devi and three others who challenged the Varanasi district court's order rejecting Hindu worshippers' plea for conducting a scientific probe of the *shivling*.

The Gyanvapi mosque management has maintained that there is no *shivling* in the mosque.

'Severity of COVID variant XBB1.16 is not alarming'

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

A newly detected variant of the COVID-19 virus is behind the current surge in cases across the country, confirmed experts, adding that there is currently no "alarming severity" that is being reported.

The XBB1.16 variant, first identified in January, is being monitored, Dr. Saumitra Das, co-chair of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), told *The Hindu*. "We don't have enough data right now to understand this fully, but we need to keep our guard up and mask on," he added. Dr. Das said with the natural immunity and vaccination cover that most Indians enjoy, it was certain that new variants would not have a free run. "But we can't rule out the virus' ability to evade this cover either. Also, with the several viral diseases in circulation, we have seen that with COVID load, the condition of the patients can be adversely impacted," he said.

INSACOG is the forum set up under the Health Ministry on December 30, 2020, to study and monitor genome sequencing and virus variation of circulating strains of COVID-19 in India.

Farmers remind Centre of 'unfulfilled promises', seek MSP guarantee for crops

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In unison: Farmers attending the *Kisan Mahapanchayat* at the Ramlila Maidan in New Delhi on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Thousands of farmers assembled here on Monday for the *Kisan Mahapanchayat* organised by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) to remind the Centre of its unfulfilled promises. A delegation of SKM leaders met Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and submitted two memorandums on the pending demands, including a law to ensure Minimum Support Price for all crops.

The *Mahapanchayat* also decided to hold State-level conventions and all-India rallies to mobilise people on farmers' problems. The farmers decided to continue their protests against corporate control over agriculture and the alleged anti-farmer policies of the Centre. The SKM said Mr. Tomar had agreed to hold discussions with it on the issues and other problems of farmers.

The major demands in the memorandum include a law to guarantee MSP for all crops based on the recommendation of the Swaminathan Commission; a new committee on MSP; immediate waiver of all loans of all farmers; reduction in input prices; withdrawal of the Electricity (Amendment) Bill; and dismissal of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra 'Teni' for his alleged role in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.

Increase in women staff in public sector banks, says Ministry

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The proportion of women employees has increased over the past year in all but one public sector bank, and as many as three banks now have 30% or more women on their payrolls, according to data shared by the Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

As of February 28, Indian Overseas Bank had the highest share of women staffers in their total staff strength at 36%, followed by Canara Bank (31.6%) and Punjab & Sindh Bank, whose share moved up from 29.3% in March 2022 to 30% in the first 11 months of 2022-23. While Bank of Baroda's share of women staffers has remained static over the past year at 26.2%, the Central Bank of India recorded the sharpest uptick among the 11 other public sector banks this year, moving up from 24.3% to 25.2%.

On an average, the remaining 10 banks have raised their share of women staffers by about 0.3 percentage points so far this year.

Responding to a query from MP P. Ravindranath on whether any all-woman branches can be expected in the public sector following the merger of the Bharatiya Mahila Bank with the State Bank of India, Mr. Karad said: "Public sector banks have informed that there is no proposal regarding reintroduction of 'all-women bank branches' under consideration."

BJP mulling proposal from Maharashtra unit to advance Assembly election schedule

Nistula Hebbar
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NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) central leadership is mulling a proposal from its Maharashtra unit to advance the Assembly election in the State from October 2024 to coincide with the Lok Sabha poll due in April-May next year. The party is thinking of this with an eye on the alliance dynamics of the Opposition parties that form the Maha Vikas Aghadi and its own pact with the Shiv Sena.

The party's State think tank believes the governance record under the recently formed alliance with Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena may take a while to translate into a certain feel-good factor.

Timing the Assembly polls with the general election where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal and national issues will also weigh on voters' minds, could influence voters for both the battles, a member of the Council of Ministers told *The Hindu*.

"The party's top brass in the State has made the suggestion and the central leadership is now considering the option," the Minister said. "In any case, the State elections are scheduled just five-six months after the Lok Sabha polls, so it should not be too much of an issue," he added.

The BJP is also keen to use the simultaneous State and Centre polls to amplify the fissures in what it believes is a fragile and opportunistic Opposition alliance between the Congress, Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). "The Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) troika may survive till the elections are announced, but we don't see them lasting beyond it. They may possibly implode even during the campaign," he said.

Behind the thinking is also the BJP's own uncertain equation with the Shiv Sena faction of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. It feels that while the alliance could form a government, a narrative for a victory was still elusive and a struggle to be the dominant partner is on, as evidenced by State unit BJP chief Chandrakant Bawankule's statement that the BJP would contest 240 seats in the Assembly polls next year.

As much as 20% of Air India's revenue comes from U.S. flights.

Crew crunch hits Air India hard; 6 weekly flights to U.S. cancelled

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

A mismatch between fleet expansion and staff requirement has forced Air India to cancel as many as six weekly flights to the U.S., its most lucrative route. The airline has cancelled three flights each to Newark and San Francisco for three months, its CEO Campbell Wilson said on Monday. The airline is facing a shortage of both pilots and cabin crew.

The long-haul flights that are impacted are among the most lucrative for Air India: its five destinations in the U.S. account for more than 20% of revenue from its flight operations. Moreover, with the closure of the Russian airspace for the U.S. carriers, Air India also enjoyed an edge over its U.S. competitors due to its ability to take passengers faster and more cheaply.

In order to overcome the near-term shortage, Air India will hire expat pilots for its Boeing 777 aircraft. They will be "within single digit percentage of the total pilot strength of Air India," Mr. Wilson said. As many as 100 pilots for Boeing 777 will join in three months and around 1,400 cabin crew are in training, he said. One of the airline's pilots, seeking anonymity, said, the shortage could soon spill over to other aircraft types in Air India's fleet such as A321 Neos.

India lodges protest with U.S. over vandalism

Ministry of External Affairs reminds Washington of its basic obligation to protect diplomatic missions on its territory after pro-Khalistan groups targeted the consulate in San Francisco; Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra urges the U.K. government to increase security at the Indian High Commission in London after a similar incident

Sriram Lakshman
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LONDON/NEW DELHI

A protester, chanting pro-Khalistan slogans, attempts to grab the Tricolour at the Indian High Commission in London on Sunday, and (right) the larger Tricolour reinstated on the facade. PTI

India, on Monday, lodged a strong protest with the United States over vandalism by pro-Khalistan elements targeting its consulate in San Francisco. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) summoned US Charge d'Affaires Elizabeth Jones and reminded the United States of its "basic obligation" to protect India's diplomatic missions on its territory.

In addition to vandalism at India's diplomatic missions in San Francisco and London, there were reports that the Indian High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Kumar Verma, had to cancel an event after sword-wielding individuals gathered at a venue demanding an end to police action against fugitive Amritpal Singh in Punjab.

"In a meeting with the US Charge d'Affaires in New Delhi, India conveyed its strong protest at the vandalisation of the property of the Consulate General of India, San Francisco. The U.S. government was reminded of its basic obligation to protect and secure diplomatic representation. It was asked to take appropriate measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents," the MEA announced. The Indian Embassy in Washington separately reached out to the U.S. State Department with similar concerns, according to the MEA.

The incident in San Francisco came hours after a group of pro-Khalistan agitators on Sunday protested against police action on Amritpal Singh in Punjab and brought down the Tricolour outside the Indian High Commission in London. In London, a handful of yellow-jacketed police officers and a few police vans could be seen on Aldwych, home to the Indian High Commission, on Monday morning. The national flag had been reinstated the previous evening and a much larger Tricolour – which was previously on display following Republic Day – was attached further up the building's front facade.

In New Delhi, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said the British authorities were asked to increase security for the building. One man had been arrested according to the Metropolitan Police, who told *The Hindu* they were called around 13:50 hrs on Sunday.

Investigation launched

"An investigation was launched, and one male was arrested nearby a short time later on suspicion of violent disorder. Enquiries continue," they said. No injuries were reported, but windows were broken at the High Commission, police said.

An Indian diplomat said the individual was "apparently released on bail". *The Hindu* was unable to confirm this.

"We lodged a strong protest and also clearly indicated to the British authorities of the need for them to put up adequate security at the Indian High Commission," Mr. Kwatra said on Monday,. India had summoned British Deputy High Commissioner Christina Scott on Sunday night over the incident.

In Canberra, Khalistan supporters gathered outside the Australian Parliament to protest against police crackdown on radical preacher Amritpal Singh and his associates in Punjab.

There were counter-protests in New Delhi on Monday with at least 500 Sikh protesters, including armed Nihangs, gathering outside the British High Commission in the city. They were protesting against the pulling down of the Tricolour by pro-Khalistan groups in the U.K. The British High Commission stayed locked from the inside during the protests.

(With PTI inputs)

Police to probe ISI angle in Amritpal case; NSA invoked against 5 accused

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Rapid Action Force personnel conducting flag march amid crackdown against Waris Punjab De on Monday. PTI

The Punjab Police on Monday said they were investigating the suspected role of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), and possible foreign funding to Waris Punjab De (WPD) chief Amritpal Singh, who continued to evade arrest on the third day of the crackdown against him and his associates.

The suspension across the State of all mobile Internet services, SMS services, and dongle services provided on mobile networks, except for voice calls, was extended till Tuesday noon to prevent any attempt to incite violence. At a press conference, Punjab Inspector-General of Police (IGP) (Headquarters), Sukhchain Singh Gill, said that six criminal cases against Mr. Singh and other alleged WPD members had been registered so far on charges of spreading disharmony among classes, attempted murder, attacks on police personnel, obstructing police work, and creating disaffection. Provisions of the National Security Act have also been invoked against five accused persons.

Since March 18, the police have arrested 114 people. They have also seized 10 weapons, including nine rifles, along with more than 400 live rounds of ammunition. Mr. Singh's uncle Harjit Singh and his driver were arrested in the intervening night of Sunday and Monday. Four vehicles, one of which was being used by the WPD chief and which was found abandoned at Salina village near Mehatpur, Jalandhar district, have been impounded so far.

The Punjab Police are coordinating with their counterparts in other States and Central agencies to prevent any possible bid by Mr. Singh, the main fugitive, to flee the country.

Preliminary police findings suggest that funds were being provided to the outfit's members in small quantities.

SAD leaders attack AAP govt., demand fresh polls in Punjab

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader and former Punjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday condemned the "puppet" Aam Aadmi Party regime for the "undeclared Emergency" in the State, in the aftermath of the operation launched by the government to nab pro-Khalistan preacher Amritpal Singh.

Mr. Badal, in a tweet, warned the State government and the Union government "against dangerous conspiracies to defame the most patriotic Sikh community for communal polarisation and electoral gains". Pointing to the history of the community in terms of patriotic duty to the country and his own party's record in "pulling the State out of the bloody cycle of terror and repression", Mr. Badal said he and the SAD condemned "the indiscriminate arrests of innocent Sikh youth, especially the Amritdhari youth, on mere suspicion through resorting to extra-constitutional methods".

Sukhbir Singh Badal

The party demanded the immediate release of "all innocents arrested in the ongoing crackdown".

Former Union Minister and SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal said the State government should be dissolved and fresh elections held in Punjab. "This is a totally failed government. The AAP government should resign on its own. They should dissolve the government and hold fresh elections to help save Punjab," Ms. Kaur said. She blamed both the State government and the BJP-led Union government for the situation in Punjab and for "defaming" Punjabis for "political gains".

"Those who are raising questions on Mr. Singh's connections today, where were you when he was roaming for six months? Was the Centre's intelligence agency sleeping during that time?" she said.

Plea seeking mandatory registration of live-in relationships dismissed

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Monday termed a petition seeking mandatory registration of live-in relationships with the Union government a "hare-brained" plea.

A Bench led by the Chief Justice was met with a petition filed by advocate Mamta Rani, who referred to recent murders of women in live-in relationships.

The petition said registration of persons in a live-in relationship would foster a sense of security among them. They could glean accurate information of each other's antecedents, like if there was a criminal record, marital status, etc.

Ms. Rani also suggested the creation of a "database" of such relationships across the country. "What is this? People come with anything here? Next time onwards we will have to start imposing costs on such cases," the Chief Justice started on Ms. Rani's counsel. The Bench dismissed the plea.

No MGNREGS funds for Bengal for next year too

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Centre stopped the funds in December 2021 citing large-scale corruption and violation of guidelines

The Union Rural Development Ministry has decided to withhold the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) funds for West Bengal for the financial year 2023-24, extending the imposition of Section 27 of the MGNREGA that allows for stoppage of funds for violation of rules in the implementation of the scheme by the State.

The Centre first invoked the rule in December 2021 based on ground surveys, which revealed large-scale corruption and violation of the guidelines. At present, the Centre owes ₹7,500 crore to the State, of which labour wages alone amount to ₹2,744 crore.

The decision was taken last week after a meeting with the West Bengal administration and the Centre on March 13. The State, as per sources, asked for 32 crore person days. "So far, the Union government has not stated the reason for stopping the funds. We submitted an action-taken report in September last year and a revised reply in December, answering the additional queries from the Ministry. Since then, we haven't got any questions nor an answer from the Ministry," a State government official said.

The State's latest demand is in line with its previous records. As per the statistics available with the Ministry, in 2021-22, the State utilised 36 crore person days, in 2020-21 41 crore, in 2019-20, 27 crore and in 2018-19, 33 crore person days. West Bengal is the only State against which the Section 27 has been invoked.

NBCC (INDIA) LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

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NBCC (India) Ltd. on behalf of Puducherry Smart City Development Ltd. invites online open e-tenders from eligible contractors for implementation of following Projects at Puducherry.

S. No.	Name of work	NIT No	Estimated Amount in INR
1	Construction of New Intra City Bus Terminus along with Commercial Space Development at Puducherry	NBCC/SBG/ South/Smart City/ Pudchry/ Works/2023/29 Dated 18/03/2023	15,77,22,036.00
2	Construction of Shopping Mall in the old jail complex on the Northern side of the Goubert Market at Puducherry	NBCC/SBG/ South/ Smart City/ Pudchry/ Works/2023/30 Dated 18/03/2023	14,60,71,139.00
3	Development of Grand Canal - 3 km Strech (rehabilitation and beautification, pedestrian pathways, Iconic Cycle track and street furniture, F&B etc) from Subbiah Salai to Conference point (upper) at Puducherry	NBCC/SBG/ South/ Smart City/ Pudchry/ Works/2023/31 Dated 18/03/2023	23,33,78,616.00

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Chief General Manager (Engg.)
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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : Re-136,137,138/2022-23/SE/PHC/MVPA. **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)-** JJM-CWSS to Idukki- Kanjikuzhi, Vazhathope, Mariyapuram, Kamakshi, Vathikudy and Vannapuram (Part) Panchayaths in Idukki District - (1) Supply and laying CWPM and GM and Storage reservoir cum pump house in Mariyapuram Panchayath (2) Supply and laying CWGM and Construction of steel tanks at Vannapuram Panchayath Package-7 (3) Supply and laying CWPM and GM and storage reservoir cum pump house in Kanjikuzhi Panchayath. **EMD :** Rs. 200000-500000. **Tender fee :** Rs. 11,025-16,540. **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 04-04-2023, 04:00 pm. **Phone :** 0485 2835637. Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

KWA-JB-GL-6-1887-2022-23 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Muvattupuzha**

ODISHA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
UNIT-VIII, BHUBANESWAR
e-mail: theoccltd@odishaconstruction.com
GSTIN - 21AAACO2571K2ZM

e-Procurement Notice No. 63 /OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)

Name of Work :- **Construction of protective fencing for project area of Ret Irrigation Project.**
Total No of Works : - **01** (One) No.
Period of completion : - **3** (Three) calendar months.

Bid Identification No.	Amount put to Tender (Approx.) (Rs.in Crores)	Bid Security (through on-line transfer) (in Rs.)	Availability of Tender (On-line)	Submission of Tender (On-line)
OCC-RSP/ 01/2022-23	**175.77 Lakhs**	**1.76 Lakhs**	**20.03.2023, 3.30 P.M. to 29.03.2023, 3.30 P.M.**	**20.03.2023, 3.30 P.M. to 29.03.2023, 3.30 P.M.**

Procurement Officer - **Managing Director, OCC Ltd., Bhubaneswar**
Date of opening of the Technical Bid: **29.03.2023, 04.00 PM.**
Further detail can be seen from the Govt. website (**www.tendersodisha.gov.in**)

Managing Director

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COAL INDIA LIMITED
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Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage and Infrastructure Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking) CIN:U74999RJ2004SGC019961
Old Working Women Hostel, Behind Nehru Place, Lal Kothi, Tonk Road, Jaipur
Ph: 0141- 2742240, 2742538, 2742263, E-mail: ruifdco@gmail.com, Web: urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rudsico

F18 (52) RUDSICO/AMRUT-2.0/2022-23/Tender/2231 Date :- 09/03/2023

NIB No. 09/2022-23

Rajasthan Urban Drinking Water Sewerage & infrastructure Corporation Limited (RUDSICO), a Government of Rajasthan undertaking, invites online unconditional bids on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from eligible bidders in accordance with the RTPP Act 2012 and RTPP Rules 2013, amended up to date, and under Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) National with single stage-two envelope Bidding procedure for following works.

S. No.	Work Name	Name of Town	Total Cost (INR in Lacs)	Bid Security (INR in Lacs)	Period of completion
1	Condition Assessment Survey and Rehabilitation of sewer line works with trenchless technique in the Jaipur walled city area.	JAIPUR	5000.00	100.00	09 Months

The details of NIB can be seen at e-procurement portal of state government **sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** and **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** from date 14.03.2023 at 1700 Hours till the end date of online submission of bids i.e. 17.04.2023 up to 1800 Hours. Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the e-procurement portal.

NIB No. : RDP2223A0064
Raj.Samwad/C/22/16139
Executive Director, RUDSICO

TAMIL NADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU UNDERTAKING)
5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender Ref. Nos.	NAME OF THE WORKS	Est. Value in Rs.	EMD in Rs.	Due Date
84/2022-23	Supply of imported Gypsum on F.O.R. basis at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur Dist. T.N.	16.71 Crores	5,00,000	21.04.2023
85/2022-23	Transportation of Clinker from Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur Dist. to Alangulam Cement Works, Virudhunagar District.	14.51 Crores	5,00,000	21.04.2023
86/2022-23	Procurement of Chemical Gypsum at ex-work basis for Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur Dist. T.N.	6.33 Crores	5,00,000	21.04.2023
87/2022-23	Transportation of Dry Fly Ash through closed trucks from Tuticorin Thermal Power Station, Tuticorin (TTPS), to Alangulam Cement Works, Virudhunagar Dist.	5.37 Crores	5,00,000	21.04.2023

Important Note: For e-tender nos. 84 & 85, a pre-bid meeting will be held on 29.03.2023 at 3.00 P.M, & 4.30 P.M respectively and For e-tender nos. 86 & 87 a pre-bid meeting will be held on 30.03.2023 at 3.00 P.M, & 4.30 P.M respectively at TANCEM, Corporate Office, 5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035. The Tender document can be downloaded from www.tntenders.gov.in Corrigendum /Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

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50,155 CAPF personnel quit in past five years: Centre

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

More than 50,000 Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) personnel quit service in the past five years, according to data provided by the Union Home Ministry to a parliamentary panel. The highest attrition was in 2022, when 11,884 personnel quit service.

The panel sought to know about the CAPF-wise attrition, including "suicides and missing in action", in the past five years.

The Ministry replied that 654 CAPF personnel took their lives between 2018 and 2022. The highest suicide rate was observed in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) followed by the Border Security Force (BSF) and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), while the lowest rate was in the National Security Guards (NSG).

The BSF witnessed the highest attrition in this period, followed by the CRPF, while the lowest was in the SSB.

Rapid action against climate change needed: UN panel

Failing to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius will result in irreversible impact on certain ecosystems, says the IPCC in a report; warns of a 'rapidly closing window of opportunity'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Climate change is a threat to human well-being and planetary health and there is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) said in a report on Monday.

The UN panel does not itself undertake scientific assessments but only evaluates the state of scientific evidence on various aspects of climate change. The current report does not weigh in on new scientific evidence but synthesises findings from three working groups. It also integrates evidence from three special reports during the sixth assessment cycle.

Future reports of the IPCC aren't expected until 2030 and that's already marked out as a boundary point year beyond which – if significant action to cut emissions are not taken – it would be impossible to prevent the earth from heating 1.5 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial levels.

Mainstreaming equitable climate action will not only reduce damages for nature, it will also provide wider benefits. AFP

"Overshooting 1.5°C will result in irreversible adverse impacts on certain ecosystems with low resilience, such as polar, mountain, and coastal ecosystems, impacted by ice-sheet, glacier melt, or by accelerating and higher committed sea level rise," the IPCC said in the report.

Certain future changes are "unavoidable and/or irreversible" but could be limited by deep, rapid and sustained global greenhouse gas emissions reduction, it added.

"Mainstreaming effective and equitable climate action will not only reduce losses and damages for nature and people, it will also provide wider benefits," IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee said in a statement.

"This synthesis report underscores the urgency of taking more ambitious action and shows that, if we act now, we can still secure a liveable sustainable future for all."

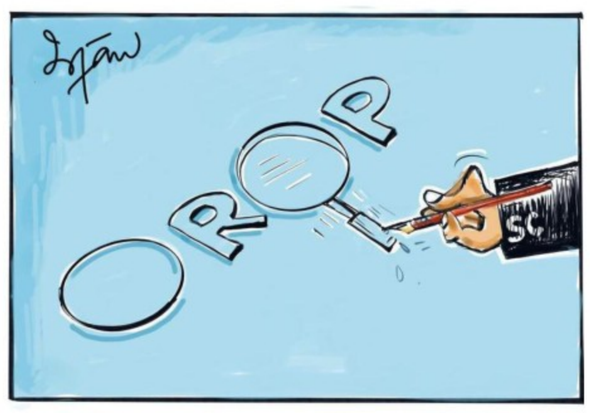
Climate justice

"Climate justice is crucial because those who have contributed least to climate change are being disproportionately affected," Aditi Mukherji, one of the 93 authors of the report, said.

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav tweeted that India "welcomed" the report and it "reaffirmed" the principle that historically few developed rich countries were responsible for the crisis. "Role of unsustainable lifestyles and patterns of consumption have been emphasized... current (financial) flows are inadequate and this includes the promised but never received $100 billion," he said.

Supreme Court directs govt. to clear ₹28,000-crore OROP arrears by February next year

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI



The Supreme Court on Monday gave the government leeway to pay in instalments ₹28,000 crore in arrears due to veterans under the One Rank One Pension (OROP) scheme.

The staggered payment of OROP arrears would be made to various categories of eligible pensioners, totalling 21 lakh persons, from April 2023 to February 2024.

The entirety of the arrears was supposed to be paid by March 2023, according to an earlier deadline given by the court.

The alternative arrangement has been made after the Ministry of Defence, represented by Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, said the Ministry of Finance had conveyed its inability to provide the entirety of the OROP arrears "in one go".

The hearing saw a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud toss back to the government a "sealed cover" containing documents purportedly on the "financial implications" and "live wire" issues connected to the OROP expenditure.

"This is not fair. I am personally averse to sealed covers. It is fundamentally contrary to the judicial process and principle of fair trial. The court has to be transparent...," Chief Justice Chandrachud told Mr. Venkataramani.

The Attorney-General said the documents were confidential as they contained "some issues of sensitivity".

Mr. Venkataramani, reading out from a note, said the budgetary outlay for the Ministry of Defence for 2022-23 was ₹5.85 lakh crore. Of this, ₹1.32 lakh crore is for the planned expenditure for total pension disbursements during the year. An amount of ₹1.2 lakh crore was already disbursed in February 2023. The ₹28,000 crore in OROP arrears is for the period between 2019-2022, which is an "additional component".

INBRIEF

Interpol takes down Red Notice against Mehul Choksi

In a major setback to Indian agencies, the Interpol has taken down from its website the Red Notice against fugitive diamond merchant Mehul Choksi, who is wanted in connection with the ₹13,578-crore Punjab National Bank fraud cases. The Interpol took the decision following a representation by Mr. Choksi, who has been declared a fugitive by an Indian court, based on its reported finding that there was a possibility that Mr. Choksi's abduction was done with the purpose of getting him back to India.

Bookie held for blackmailing wife of Devendra Fadnavis

The Mumbai Police Crime Branch on Monday arrested bookie Anil Jaisinghani for allegedly blackmailing Amruta Fadnavis, wife of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Mr. Jaisinghani, wanted in 17 cases in various States, was arrested from Gujarat. He was on the run since his daughter, Anishka, was arrested on March 16. Ms. Fadnavis alleged that Ms. Anishka threatened to make her voice notes and video clips public if she did not pay her ₹10 crore and get her father's name cleared of all charges.

Air India case: victim moves SC for 'zero tolerance' guidelines

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The woman said both Air India and the DGCA failed to treat her with care and responsibility

A 72-year-old woman on whom a drunk passenger allegedly relieved himself inside a New York-New Delhi Air India flight, has moved the Supreme Court seeking clear and zero tolerance guidelines for civil authorities and airlines to deal with such "traumatic" incidents.

The senior citizen, represented by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan and advocate Rahul Narayan, said Air India and the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), both, failed to treat her with "care and responsibility" after the "unruly" passenger urinated on her during the flight on November 26, 2022.

The woman said the cabin crew "facilitated" the handing over of her mobile phone number to the man in order for him to "reimburse the cost of shoes, dry-cleaning, etc".

The petition said that she was made to sit on the "very same seat that was wet and smelled of urine".

Her suffering was compounded when the crew "coerced her to enter into a settlement with the passenger who urinated on her".

"She continues to deal with the trauma of the incident," the petition said.

The plea also highlighted how media reports on the incident concerning her were "full of conjectures and surmises". She contended that these reports had "severely undermined her rights as a victim under Article 21, and in fairness, has also affected the rights of the accused as well".

"Right to a free and fair trial was substantially affected due to a selective leaking of the AIR SEWA complaint. The FIR and selective witness statements were released to match specific narratives," the petition said.

Scholars, experts from SCO countries discuss ways to revive Buddhist culture

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

In a first-of-its-kind event, India hosted a conference last week on 'Shared Buddhist Heritage' under the ambit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), which saw participation of scholars and experts from Russia, China, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Belarus, Bahrain, Myanmar, the United Arab Emirates and Kazakhstan.

India will also be hosting the World Buddhist Conference in the next few months, officials said.

"Cross-cultural linkages between central Asian and South East Asian nations need to be revived and the spiritual artery of Buddhism remains in India. And the effort is for the revival of Buddhist culture to which the SCO can give momentum, given the common linkages despite the divergences," an official said on the sidelines of the conference.

The two-day conference on March 14 and 15 was organised by the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of External Affairs and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC), as a grantee body of the Ministry of Culture.

G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, with delegates at the SCO conference. ANI

"The aim of the conference is to re-establish trans-cultural links, seek out commonalities between Buddhist art of Central Asia, art styles, archaeological sites and antiquity in various museums' collections of the SCO countries," statement issued by IBC said.

Buddhism can be used to build a common cultural line between all the SCO countries, another official said at the conference. Cooperation aside, the much-awaited announcement of the next Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Buddhism, is a continuous issue with China stating that the choice of the next Dalai Lama lies with them.

"In future, in case you see two Dalai Lamas come, one from here, in free country, one chosen by Chinese, then nobody will trust, nobody will respect (the one chosen by China)," said the 14th Dalai Lama, who has been living in exile in India since fleeing China in 1959.

Pornographic clip aired at railway station in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The commuters at the Patna railway station were taken aback on Sunday when a pornographic clip started playing on television sets installed on the platform instead of advertisement films.

The bizarre incident left commuters embarrassed and baffled, a few of whom reported the incident to the Railway Police.

The broadcasting agency, Dutta Studio Private Ltd., has been taken to task by the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and two FIRs have been registered against the company. One FIR was registered by the RPF while another under the Information and Technology Act was by Government Railway Police (GRP), an official statement released by East Central Railway (ECR) Zone noted.

The clip was played for at least three minutes. A senior official from ECR said that the contract of the errant agency had been terminated and the agency blacklisted.

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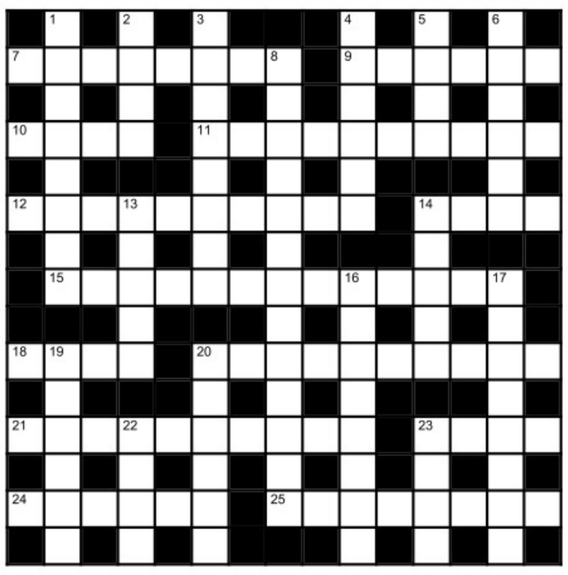

Across

7 No mobile? Take tips from uncle and niece and assemble (8)
9 Directions ready to include European Community (6)
10 Leaders of African nation encourage war again (4)
11 Primarily searches shows at old city, gives up (10)
12 Careful consideration of a director's grip on people and team leader (10)
14 Unclear on Victor's exit with fever (4)
15 Group of stars sent off during editing (13)
18 Expensive? Replace dinar with naira, it is within reach (4)
20 Principles of schematic rewritten by leading scientist (10)
21 Interruptions in rest, unhappy with son (10)
23 Money, greed essentially leads to depression (4)
24 A century followed by a LBW, in front. Inconsistent (6)
25 Welsh rabbit was not very sparse in the beginning (8)

Down

1 Cyclonic storm indicator taking head off (8)
2 Setter with a bird with clipped making cat sound (4)
3 Happiest one giving rewards in advance at Estonia (8)
4 Critical that dog starting late reaches man (6)
5 Frozen cut start to finish (4)
6 Each copper follows one for insight (6)
8 Retro moat? Well rebuild as a defensive fort (8,5)
13 Private tavern at the outskirts of Exeter (5)
14 At the start, Allen's low inswinging ball interrupted by defence (5)
16 Tyres can burst in race (8)
17 Select new leader to replace daughter in control (8)
19 Right in time, first teacher took article and found mistakes (6)
20 Pet fish led astray (6)
22 Excellent time to send the English to end (1-3)
23 Bantu band's instrument (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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8	4	2	9	1	3	5	7	6

FAITH

Education and knowledge

Thiruvalluvar says that the only indestructible wealth is education. He says a person who shuns learning is akin to an animal. Comparing those who read with those who do not is not an appropriate comparison, for how can one compare man and beast? Animals are not endowed with the ability to read, but human beings are blessed in this respect. And yet, if we do not use this boon we have, then what difference is there between an animal and us? One way to learn is through listening to someone explain what is contained in literary works, said Malayaman in a discourse.

But if a man is interested only in exercising the faculty of taste and not the faculty of listening, then is there any point in his being alive? It would be better if he were dead, says Thiruvalluvar. Knowledge is of two kinds. There is the knowledge we get from books and through formal education. There is another kind of knowledge. That is spiritual knowledge. For this we need to introspect and analyse ourselves.

Thirumoolar says that he understood the concept of self, and once he understood the self, he had no need to know anything else. And yet a jnani is never arrogant, despite having understood the purpose and goal of life. A truly educated man always has the feeling that what he has learnt is equal to a fistful of sand. But what he has not studied is as large as the world. Naladiyar says there is a lot to study, but our lifespan is too short for us to study all that we need to. Nanneri says an educated man must not have the manner of a proud bull. Aranerichaaram says that one must not take pride in the number of books one has read.

NAIROBI

Several held as Kenya Opposition leads anti-government protests

AP

At least three Kenyan legislators and several protesters were held in protests in Kenya's capital, Nairobi, organised by the Opposition demanding the resignation of President William Ruto. Opposition leader Raila Odinga announced weekly demonstrations until the President resigns or the cost of living goes down. AP

BANGKOK

Thailand Prime Minister dissolves Parliament and calls for election

REUTERS

Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha dissolved Parliament, setting up a general election in May as the former coup leader seeks to extend Army-backed rule. The vote pits unpopular former Army chief Prayut, who came to power in a 2014 putsch, against the daughter of billionaire former PM Thaksin Shinawatra. AFP

DUBAI

Yemen groups agree to prisoner swap as peace efforts accelerate

AFP

Yemen's Houthi rebels and the internationally recognised government agreed at talks in Switzerland to swap more than 880 prisoners, as efforts accelerate to end the war. The move comes as a result of the restoration of ties between Iran and Saudi Arabia, who have supported the opposing sides in the conflict. AFP

MOSCOW

Russia opens criminal probe into ICC after arrest warrant on Putin

AP

Russia said that it had opened a criminal probe into International Criminal Court prosecutor Karim Khan after the court based in The Hague issued an arrest warrant for President Vladimir Putin. Russia said that the case was mounted against Khan and several other judges based on their "unlawful" decision to seek Putin's arrest. AFP

EU to chalk out €2-bn ammunition plan for Kyiv

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

European Union ministers were set to sign off on Monday on a €2-billion plan to raid their stockpiles and jointly purchase desperately needed artillery shells for Ukraine in the war against Russia. Ukraine has told the EU it wants 3,50,000 shells a month.

Foreign and Defence Ministers meeting in Brussels are expected to agree on a multipronged initiative aimed at providing Ukraine with one million shells in the next year and replenishing own stocks.

Meanwhile, the U.S. announced $350 million in new military aid to Ukraine, including ammunition for Himars rocket launchers and Bradley armored fighting vehicles.

Xi in Moscow for talks with Putin on ties, Ukraine conflict

Xi says he is confident that the visit will be fruitful and give new momentum to the development of Chinese-Russian relations; Kremlin says Beijing's Ukraine peace plan will be discussed

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Xi Jinping hailed his landmark visit to Moscow on Monday as giving "new momentum" to Chinese-Russian ties ahead of talks with Vladimir Putin on Beijing's proposals to stop the fighting in Ukraine.

The summit between the Russian President and the Chinese leader comes as China seeks to portray itself as a neutral party in the Ukraine conflict. Washington has accused Beijing of mulling arms exports to Moscow – claims China has vociferously denied.

Landing at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport, Mr. Xi was greeted by Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko on a red carpet as a military brass band played the countries' anthems, Russian state media showed.

Peace push: Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands at the Kremlin in Moscow on Monday. AP

"I am confident the visit will be fruitful and give new momentum to the healthy and stable development of Chinese-Russian relations," Mr. Xi was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying shortly after landing.

"In a world of volatility and transformation, China will continue to work with Russia to safeguard the international system with the UN at its core," he said.

The two leaders are due to discuss China's 12-point position paper on the Ukraine conflict, which includes a call for dialogue and respect for all countries' territorial sovereignty. "One way or another, issues raised in (Beijing's) plan for Ukraine will be touched upon during the negotiations. Comprehensive explanations will be given by President Putin" of the Russian position, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

Mr. Putin and Mr. Xi are set to have an "informal" one-on-one meeting and dinner later on Monday before talks on Tuesday

There is no such thing as a Palestinian nation, history, or language: Israel Minister

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

A far-right Israeli Minister claimed there's "no such thing" as a Palestinian people as Israel's new coalition government plowed ahead on Monday with a part of its plan to overhaul the judiciary.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition said it was pushing a key part of the overhaul – which would give the coalition control over who becomes a justice or a judge – before Parliament takes a monthlong holiday break next week.

As Israeli and Palestinian delegations were holding talks in Egypt to reduce violence in the West Bank, Israeli Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich de-

Bezalel Smotrich

livered a speech in Paris, saying the notion of a Palestinian people was artificial.

"There is no such thing as a Palestinian nation. There is no Palestinian history. There is no Palestinian language," he said in France late on Sunday. He spoke at a lectern draped with what appeared to be a map of Israel that included the occupied West Bank and parts of Jordan.

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said Mr. Smotrich's remarks were "conclusive evidence of the extremist, racist Zionist ideology that governs the parties of the current Israeli government."

A far-right settler leader who opposes Palestinian statehood, Mr. Smotrich has a history of offensive statements against the Palestinians. Last month, he called for the Palestinian town of Hawara in the West Bank to be "erased" after radical Jewish settlers rampaged through the town in response to a shooting attack that killed two Israelis. Mr. Smotrich later apologised after an international uproar.

Civil society groups call for mediation between Khan and Sharif government

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Over 100 groups appeal to parties to bring down their 'confrontational rhetoric'

A collective of civil society organisations of Pakistan has offered to mediate between the Shehbaz Sharif government and former PM Imran Khan-led Opposition and urged for inclusive election to end political uncertainty.

Over a hundred non-government and social organisations, including trade unions and women's rights advocates, have appealed to the political parties to the "confrontation", saying the attitude of the leaders "leaves little room for dialogue and accommodation".

"The political crisis is increasingly becoming intractable, which is accentuating the economic woes of the masses. Before things go out of the hands of everybody, we feel extremely concerned about the kind of existential crises that may have very grave consequences for the nation...In the meanwhile, the civil society have agreed to form an informal Group of Mediators to engage with all political parties to start a reconciliation process," said the organisations, calling for an all-party conference.

Pakistan has been witnessing a tug-of-war between Mr. Khan's Pakistan-Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and the coalition government of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and the Pakistan People's Party.

The Islamabad police have slapped terror charges on Mr. Khan and 12 of his party colleagues for unleashing riot-like scenes outside the Federal Judicial Complex in the capital on Saturday where Mr. Khan was expected to appear for the Toshakhana gift case.

Citing the breakdown in law and order, the civil society groups said, "therefore with all sincerity and a non-partisan approach, we call upon all political parties, the parliamentary parties in particular to bring down the current confrontational and intolerant rhetoric and sit together to sort out their political differences on the holding of election in the greater interests of the nation, the supremacy of the constitution and a mutually agreed peaceful democratic transition."

Taliban chief issues decree against nepotism

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

The supreme leader of the Taliban has issued a decree against nepotism, barring officials in Afghanistan's Taliban administration from hiring relatives in government positions.

Mullah Hibatullah Akhundzada also ordered all Taliban officials to sack their sons and other relatives who are already working in their administration.

The reasons were not revealed but the move followed rumors that many Taliban officials have appointed their sons and relatives in high-ranking government positions rather than professionals or those with experience needed for the posts.

Nepal PM Prachanda wins second vote of confidence in 3 months

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Nepal's Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' on Monday secured a vote of confidence in parliament, winning the second floor test within three months.

Prime Minister Prachanda secured 172 votes in the 275-member House of Representatives. Other 89 lawmakers voted against him whereas one abstained. A total of 262 members of the lower house were present in the house.

The 68-year-old Maoist leader needed at least 138 votes out of 275 lawmakers.

Eleven political parties including Nepali Congress,

Pushpa Kamal Dahal

CPN-Maoist Centre, Rastriya Swatantra Party, CPN-Unified Socialist, Janata Samajwadi Party Nepal, Lokatantrik Samajwadi Party, Nagarik Unmukti Party, Janamat Party among others voted in favour of Prachanda. CPN-UML and Rastriya Prajatantra Party voted against him. Nepal Workers and Peasants Party abstained.

Macron govt. survives first no-confidence vote in France

Associated Press
PARIS

The French government survived a no-confidence vote on Monday in the lower chamber of parliament and was expected to survive a second, after its push to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64.

The no-confidence motion received 278 votes in the National Assembly, falling short of the 287 needed to pass.

The no-confidence motions were filed by lawmakers furious that President Emmanuel Macron ordered the use of special constitutional powers to force through an unpopular Bill raising the retirement age without giving them a vote.

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Applications are invited for the selection of Junior Research Fellow (Pharmacology) - One at SCRI Chennai for Department of Pharmacology, IMR project through Personal/Virtual Interview which will be held on the date to be notified later. The last date for submission of the online application is 04.04.2023 (05.00.P.M.) Details are available in the website **www.siddhacouncil.com** & **www.crisiddha.tn.nic.in.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Suresh Chand Khabia, S/o. Sri. K.C. Shanthilal, R/at. No.13/A, Shivaji Road, Bengaluru - 560 001, instructed me to issue Public Notice regarding pendency of the litigation that our client has filed O.S. No.3948/2018 against (1) Mr. M.V. Prasad Babu (2) Mr. A.V. Nagaraj Naidu, Managing Director of Ambiant Group Developer and (3) Mr. A.V. Nagaraj Naidu, Managing Director of Inetsolv Infra, for the relief of declaration and permanent injunction and other reliefs regarding encroachment of the property of our client and constructing the residential apartment. Further our client filed another case before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka against the above said parties in CCC No.294/2022 and same is pending consideration. Since, the above said cases filed against the above said parties are still pending in consideration for encroachment of our client's property and construction of apartment. Hence, with legal issue I would like to bring to the knowledge of public that if anybody wants to purchase the respective flat in apartment known as **'The Infiniti'**, No.2064, Opp: Canara Bank, Uttarahalli, BSK 4th Stage, Bangalore - 560061. The said apartment has been constructed by violating the order passed by the City Civil Court and Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka. Ultimately, if any flat purchased in the said project, same shall be subjected to the final order that will be passed by the court and the portion of the apartment may be demolished as the portion of the property has been encroached by the above said parties and constructed. Therefore, our client is cautioning general public, so that the innocent people and purchasers interest can be protected and they can avoid to purchase the litigated property and face future consequences. Our client is not responsible for any hardship or injury may be caused to the public by purchasing the flat in the said apartment. Hence, this public notice.

MR. MANJUNATH RAO, Advocate
No.146/A, 3rd Stage, 3rd Cross, Judges Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore - 560 079.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr.Sudhakar Shetty, s/o.Nagesh,** intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners, **1.Mr.K.Virupaksha Reddy, s/o.K.Keshava Reddy, 2.Mrs.B.Padmaja, w/o.K.Virupaksha Reddy.** Any person/s having any claim, title and interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this publication and a copy of objections to the below mentioned Purchasers' advocate, failing which my client will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registered Sale Deed.

:: SCHEDULE ::

All that piece and parcel of the **Plot No.436, BBMP Katha No.1319/221/436, in the layout formed in converted land in Sy.No.63, situated at Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring **1200 square feet,** and bounded on the;
East by : Road;
West by : Property No.356;
North by : Property No.435;
South by : Property No.437

SAHAI KUMAR, Advocate
#311, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078 Mob : 9845090974

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client has intent to purchase a Property bearing **Southern Portion of Site No.287,** Formed in Property No.19, Katha No.11/2/19, Situated at **SEEGEHALLI VILLAGE,** K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Now comes under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, (erstwhile Krishnarajapura City Municipal Council), Bangalore, **Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet , in all Measuring 2400 Sq.feet,** and bounded on the:-
East by : 30 feet Road;
West by : Site No.298;
North by : Remaining Portion of same Site No.287 & Southern Portion of Site No.286 retained by R.Raja Sobha;
South by : Site No.288;
from its present Owner **Mr. V. SUDHARSHANA REDDY,** He had acquired the same Vide registered Sale Deed dated 12/12/2014, registered as Document No.KRI-1-06806-2014-15 of Book I, Stored in CD No.KRID540, Registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar (K.R.Puram) Bangalore. Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 7 days** from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. It shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

P. NAGAMUNI REDDY,
Advocate, SNN Associates,
No. No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 1st Block, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043, Land Mark Near Horamavu Signal, Above Canara Bank & HDFC ATM.
M : 9945159840 / 9703852389

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri. Pelaram S/o Sri. Ranchoda Ram and Sri. Umaram S/o Sri. Ranchoda Ram have entered into an Registered Agreement of Sale for purchasing the Schedule Property from Smt.Ningamma W/o Sri. Somappa Jakkareddy. If any other person/s has/have got any nature of right, claims or interest over the schedule Property be lodged with supporting documents to the undersigned within Fifteen days from the date of this publication. If the undersigned do not receive any claim within the stipulated period my client will proceed to purchase the Property treating that there is no claim over the Schedule Property by any person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the western portion of immovable property bearing **Site No.07** formed in Assessment No.51/4 carved out of land bearing Sy.No.51/4 measuring 38.08 Guntas, situated at Nagasandra village, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No-39 Bangalore, measuring East to West 15ft and North to South 40 ft, Totally measuring 600 sq ft out of 1200 sq ft and bounded on:-

East : Eastern portion of same property No. 07 Belongs to Smt. Gangamma, West : Site Bearing No.8, North : Private Property, South : Road.

S. Tejus, Advocate
No.14, FF-002, SK Prerana Complex, Seshadripuram College Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-20.
Mob: 9448108852

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE CITY (CCH-36)
P& S.C. No. 99 /2023

PETITIONER
Sri. Devaraj C. V.
S/o late Veerabhadraiah C V Aged about 74 years R/at No. 1094, 10th 'C' Cross, 11th Main, 2nd Stage, Near Shankar Math, Basaveshwaranagara Bangalore 560086
-V/S-
RESPONDENT **NIL**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under Section 278 of Indian Succession Act for the grant of "Letter of Administration" on the last Will dated 10.06.2021, executed by late Smt. Shivalingamma C.V. D/o late C.V. Veerabhadraiah in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by Late Smt. Shivalingamma C.V, sister of the Petitioner herein, who expired on 12.11.2021.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 31.03.2023 at 11 a.m.** to show cause against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

S C H E D U L E

Item No 1:- All the piece and parcel of the vacant site **bearing No 128,** formed in Sy No. 25/1 by the formed by the Karnataka State "D" Group Employees Central Association, Srigandha Kavalu, Sunkadakatte Dakhalu, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 129, Jnanabharathi, Bangalore City, measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 40 ft. bounded as follows :-
EAST BY : Site No. 127, WEST BY : Site No. 129
NORTH BY : Site No. 125 , SOUTH BY : Road
Item No 2:- All the piece and parcel of the House property **bearing No. 77** present PID No. 21-116-77, situated at 4th stage, 4th block, West of Chord Road, Bangalore City, which comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward no. 105, Agrahara Dasarahalli, Bangalore measuring East to West 12.19 meters & North to South 12.19 meter bounded as follows :-
EAST BY : Site No. 78, WEST BY : Road
NORTH BY : Site No. 81 , SOUTH BY : Road
Given under my hand & seal of the court, this 18th day of March 2023.

By Order of the Court,
Asst. Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner
DUSHYANTH ARADHYA H.C.
Advocate
No 919, 5th Main, M.C Layout, Near BGS Metro Station, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40

INBRIEF

Oil hits lowest since 2021 on fears of global recession

Oil prices dropped to their lowest in 15 months on Monday, driven down by concern that risks in the global banking sector and a potential increase to U.S. interest rates could spark a recession that would sap fuel demand. In volatile trading, Brent crude futures for May fell 87 cents, or 1.2%, to $72.10 a barrel by 1211 GMT. The U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude contract for April was down 85 cents, or 1.3%, at $65.89 before its expiry on Tuesday. REUTERS

Adani says put Mundra PVC project construction on 'hold'

The Adani Group on Monday said it had "decided to keep the major equipment procurement and site construction activities on hold" for its green PVC plant at Mundra, pending the financial closure of the project. "The financial closure of the green PVC project of Mundra Petrochemicals Ltd. is pending with the financial institutions and is in their active consideration," a spokesperson said, denying reports the group had shelved plans for the ₹34,000-crore project.

CUMI signs pact with DRDO for making missile component

Murugappa group firm Carborundum Universal Ltd. (CUMI) has signed a licensing agreement with DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI) Laboratory for technology to manufacture 'Ceramic Radomes (GELCAST Process) Technology' used in missile systems. "CUMI is honoured to play a part in shaping India's destiny by contributing to a strong and self-reliant defence sector," said Subbu Venkatachalam, Head of Marketing, CUMI.

CAD to narrow, bolster rupee against global risks: FinMin

Finance Ministry concedes that economic growth could have been higher in Q3 FY23 but asserts that growth momentum has not been lost; sees jump in services exports helping current account

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

GDP growth may have slowed to 4.4% in the third quarter (Q3) from 6.3% in Q2, but "growth has not gotten shallower" and the momentum has sustained through the course of 2022-23, the Finance Ministry asserted on Monday.

Macroeconomic stability was likely to get a further boost this year as the current account deficit was "set to narrow from year-beginning estimates", the ministry said, citing the jump in net services exports, moderation in oil prices and the recent decline in import-intensive consumption demand.

Buffer against risks

Finance Ministry sees the current account deficit progressively narrowing, helping cushion the rupee in 'uncertain times'

- Macroeconomic stability to get a boost this fiscal year as CAD is set to narrow from the year-beginning estimates
- Moderation in oil prices, slump in import-intensive consumption demand have aided
- Cites contraction in manufacturing GVA as a key factor in slower Q3 growth

The current account deficit is estimated to narrow in FY24 as well, providing a buffer to the rupee "in uncertain times", it said. "This will provide a much needed cushion... at a time when the Fed is likely to raise rates further and ensure that India's external finances are not a major cause of concern," the ministry noted in its economic review for February.

Arguing that the growth momentum could have been higher but for the contraction of Gross Value Added (GVA) in the manufacturing sector, the ministry partly attributed the shrinkage to subdued export growth owing to weaker demand in advanced economies.

Smuggling of gold likely hits 4-year high, seizures signal

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Seizures of smuggled gold have shot up to a four-year high in 2022-23, indicating an alarming rise in the unauthorised trade of the yellow metal following the import duty increases implemented last July.

In just the first 11 months of 2022-23, smuggled gold of almost 4,000 kilograms has been seized, which is already more than 10% higher than seizures through the full pre-COVID year of 2019-20. This is almost equal to the total seizures made over the last two years combined, as per data from the Finance Ministry placed in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

"Government agencies have detected cases of attempted smuggling of gold and silver," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in response to a query from MP Sougata Ray. "The smugglers of gold and silver adopt various methods including body concealment," she added.

In July 2022, the government raised the basic customs duty on gold from 7.5% to 12.5%, and added a 10% social welfare surcharge on the duty, in a bid to curb imports and check the widening trade deficit.

Officials contend that the higher inflows of gold through the smuggling route would also have brought down the official gold import bill. Between April 2022 and February, gold imports had dropped almost 30% from a year earlier to $31.7 billion.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	57,629	-0.62
US Dollar	82.56	0.03
Gold	60,100	3.54
Brent oil	72.63	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1804.95	-71.60
Adani Ports	666.75	-13.60
Apollo Hosp	4313.00	-33.50
Asian Paints	2855.15	-7.50
Axis Bank	837.55	0.15
Bajaj Auto	3805.00	-9.40
Bajaj Finserv	1245.40	-56.35
Bajaj Finance	5550.80	-181.55
Bharti Airtel	754.80	-2.45
BPCL	359.65	8.25
Britannia Ind	4331.85	-30.70
Cipla	866.70	-7.35
Coal India	217.05	-4.60
Divis Lab	2800.20	8.70
Dr Reddys Lab	4439.45	3.30
Eicher Motors	2952.00	-22.60
Grasim Ind	1592.80	7.55
HCL Tech	1090.85	-17.60
HDFC	2554.70	-9.45
HDFC Bank	1561.75	-10.90
HDFC Life	465.25	-6.00
Hero MotoCorp	2339.35	-15.80
Hindalco	385.75	-10.95
Hind Unilever	2511.20	63.80
ICICI Bank	836.45	0.20
IndusInd Bank	1002.30	-18.20
Infosys	1403.65	-17.05
ITC	378.80	3.25
JSW Steel	668.15	-8.25
Kotak Bank	1699.65	6.55
L&T	2177.55	-18.20
M&M	1167.65	-3.85
Maruti Suzuki	8219.60	-97.25
NestleIndia	18937.85	79.70
NTPC	176.00	-0.95
ONGC	152.30	-0.85
PowerGrid Corp	227.50	-2.20
Reliance Ind	2201.25	-21.85
SBI Life	1074.10	2.50
State Bank	519.20	-10.60
Sun Pharma	961.20	3.50
TataConsumerProduct	702.60	-3.60
Tata Motors	410.75	-8.25
Tata Steel	104.50	-2.50
TCS	3143.30	-36.00
Tech Mahindra	1109.00	-18.15
Titan	2459.95	4.30
UltraTech Cement	7243.20	-46.75
UPL	708.10	-7.55
Wipro	367.15	-9.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on March 20

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.44	82.76
Euro	88.05	88.39
British Pound	100.55	100.95
Japanese Yen (100)	62.83	63.08
Chinese Yuan	11.98	12.03
Swiss Franc	88.75	89.10
Singapore Dollar	61.45	61.70
Canadian Dollar	60.07	60.30
Malaysian Ringitt	18.37	18.46
Australian Dollar	55.05	55.28

Source:Indian Bank

Rush for safety eases, Credit Suisse weighed

Reuters
LONDON

Europe's bank shares fought back from an early slump on Monday and a cross-asset scramble for safety looked to have eased, as markets weighed the implications for the financial system from the emergency rescue of banking heavyweight Credit Suisse.

Sunday saw the most dramatic state intervention since the 2008 global financial crisis, with UBS buying Credit Suisse for 3 billion francs ($3.2 billion) in a takeover backstopped by unlimited funding pledges from the world's top central banks.

Shocked European bank shares initially dropped 6% as Credit Suisse's own shares slumped 63% and those of acquirer UBS tumbled almost 13%.

But as investors digested the support and pace at which it had come, a recovery had started and by the time Wall Street opened, bank shares were level again and both the broader European STOXX 600 and UBS shares were 1% higher.

"It (takeover) is probably the best of a bad list of outcomes," said AXA Chief Economist Gilles Moec.

Sensex slides 0.6% on global banking crisis

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark equity indices slid by more than 0.6% on Monday following nervous selling in financial and IT stocks as fears of contagion from the global banking crisis dented sentiment.

Investors were also worried about the prospect of the U.S. Federal Reserve continuing to raise interest rates. The S&P BSE Sensex fell 360.95 points, or 0.62%, to 57,628.95.

Top losers in the Sensex pack included Bajaj Finserv (4.25%), Bajaj Finance (3.18%), Wipro (2.46%), Tata Motors (1.96%) and State Bank of India (1.91%).

"Despite the Swiss regulators' intervention to protect the global financial system, investor sentiment remained shaky," observed Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Indian carriers may face a loss of $1.6-1.8 bn in FY24, projects CAPA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Indian airlines are projected to record a consolidated loss of $1.6 to 1.8 billion in financial year 2023-24, aviation consultancy CAPA India said on Monday.

The figure includes a loss of $1.1 to 1.2 billion expected to be incurred by full-service carriers alone in a market dominated by low-cost carriers.

Airlines are also expected to induct 132 planes during the ongoing financial year, which will take the total fleet of all carriers to 816 aircraft, CAPA said.

Jyotiraditya Scindia

However, as many as 100 planes of various Indian carriers are on the ground due to supply chain and other issues, the aviation consultancy added. At the CAPA India Aviation Summit 2023, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said it was time for India to look at manufacturing of aerospace products as he highlighted the growth potential of the country's aviation sector. He said domestic airlines are together projected to have a fleet of about 2,000 planes in the next 5 to 7 years.

As many as 100 planes of Indian carriers are on ground due to supply chain, other issues

FinMin permits CPSUs to issue LoCs

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Monday allowed central public sector firms (CPSUs) to issue letters of comfort (LoCs) to financiers, provided no liability will devolve on the Government.

The Centre's move, partially lifting a bar imposed on government entities last March, followed requests, over the last two months, from the Ministry of Power as well as the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas pressing for a relaxation of the prohibition.

"It was informed issuance of letter of comfort, based on own financial strength, is a part of regular business practice, enables the entities to raise resources at competitive rates for their capex and working capital needs, as well as furthering the business interests of their joint ventures, subsidiaries and group companies," the Department of Economic Affairs noted in a memo.

The Centre's move follows requests from the Ministries of Power, Petroleum and Natural Gas

Amazon to cut 9,000 jobs in second round of layoffs

Reuters

Amazon.com said on Monday it would cut 9,000 jobs, making it the latest Big Tech company to announce a second round of layoffs in the face of a possible recession.

CEO Andy Jassy said the firm had added substantial amount of staff in the past few years, but the uncertain economy had forced it to choose cost and headcount cuts. The cuts will be in cloud services, advertising and Twitch units.

Credit Suisse's $17 bn AT1 hit hurts bonds

Reuters
LONDON

European bank bonds slumped on Monday following the state-backed rescue of Credit Suisse by UBS as a wipeout of some bondholders raised concerns around broader bank capital.

Under the rescue deal, 16 billion Swiss francs ($17 billion) worth of Credit Suisse's bonds, known as Additional Tier 1 (AT1) debt or CoCos (contingent convertibles), will be written down to zero on the orders of the Swiss regulator as part of the merger with UBS, a decision that surprised bondholders.

AT1 bonds – a $275 billion sector also known as "contingent convertibles" or "CoCo" bonds – can be converted into equity or written off if a bank's capital level falls below a certain threshold.

Sport

Unanimous verdict gives Lovlina a place in quarterfinals

BOXING WORLDS

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

In spite of her rustiness, Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain secured a unanimous verdict against dashing Mexican professional boxer Citlalli Ortiz in her first 75kg bout in the World women's boxing championships at the K.D. Jadhav Hall on Monday.

Apart from eighth-seeded Lovlina, double World youth champion Sakshi Chaudhary (52kg), who gave a fabulous performance to beat fifth-seeded Kazakh and Asian bronze medallist Zhazira Urakbayeva 5-0, also entered the quarterfinals.

Height advantage: Lovlina used her long reach to defeat Mexican professional boxer Ortiz. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Important results (preliminary rounds):

52kg: Anjani Teli (Nep) bt Marie Kathreen (Hai) 5-0; Yulia Apnasovich (Blr) bt Feruza Kazakova (Uzb) 4-3; Sakshi Chaudhary bt Zhazira Urkabateva (Kaz) 5-0; Yu Wu (Chn) bt Maria Caceres (Esp) 5-0; Rinka Kinoshita (Jpn) bt Sara Cirkovic (Srb) 5-0;

54kg: Jutamas Jitpong (Tha) bt Preeti Sai Pawar 4-3; Enkhjargal Munguntsetseg (Mgl) bt Tatiana Chagas (Bra) 4-1; Olena Savchuk (Ita) bt Tiana Echegaray (Aus) 4-1; Zhaina Shekerbekova (Kaz) bt Nigina Uktamova (Uzb) 5-1;

70kg: Pan Zhou (Chn) bt Ani Hovsepyan (Arm) 5-0; Barbara Dos Santos (Bra) bt Nikolina Gajic (Srb) 4-1; Madina Nurshayeva (Kaz) bt Hongeun Choi (Kor) 3-0;

75kg: Rady Gramane (Moz) bt Sokhiba Ruzmetova (Uzb) 5-0; Lovlina Borgohain bt Citlalli Ortiz (Mex) 5-0; Davina Michel (Fra) bt Alina Veber (Blr) 5-0; Elif Guneri (Tur) Viviane Pereira (Bra) 4-1; Anne Catlin (Aus) bt Jessica Triebelova (Svk) 5-0; Atheyna Bylon (Pan) bt Anastasiia Shamanova (Rus) 5-0.

Preeti bows out

Promising Preeti Sai Pawar (54kg) put up a valiant fight before losing 3-4 to Thailand's Jutamas Jitpong, a Worlds silver medallist in 52kg.

Even as Citlalli, a 2017 World youth title winner (69kg) in American colours in Guwahati, came charging forward, the lanky Lovlina – about half-a-foot taller than the Mexican – threw punches, predominantly left jabs, from a long range and tried to hold off her compact opponent, who suffered a cut in the second round.

Her clean punches helped Lovlina, a two-time 69kg Worlds bronze medallist who last competed in the Asian championships four months back, stay ahead.

"I could not apply my plans well, I am not happy. I wanted to box a little forward but she was rushing in," said Lovlina, who will meet the top-seeded Mozambican Worlds, the bronze winner Rady Gramane.

'Daily appraisal of referees and judges done to ensure fairness'

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

Wayne Rose, an Australian technical delegate overseeing the ongoing World women's boxing championships here, says the daily appraisal of the referees and judges during an event is an integral part of the International Boxing Association's (IBA's) efforts to ensure fairness and integrity.

Constant process

According to Rose, the removal of erring officials and retention of good ones is a constant process to get fair decisions.

"Every day the referees and judges get apprised. We have a referee evaluator who evaluates referees' performance.

Wayne Rose. Y.B. SARANGI

"With a good performance level, they continue to work. If they are below the standard, we continue to sanction and remove them. Same with the judges...But if it's an integrity problem, the red flag will come straight up and we will remove them," Rose told *The Hindu*.

Rose said the system to select and monitor officials improved over the years. "The referees and judges we have placed now, in each competition, are vetted by the McLaren group. So they are always checking their (R-Js') integrity, their background to make sure there are no red flags or conflicts...Everything is clean and everyone's happy.

"If you remember Rio (Games) and the alleged corruption there, from that to now is different. The referees and judges are at a different place, we are going through a vetting process when we select someone and it's all random...The idea that there might be favouritism, we are not seeing that now."

Rose said the IBA's intention was to spread the practices of honest officiating.

GREAT OUTING

Jehan drives to third in Feature race for second podium in Jeddah

Jehan Daruvala swept to a double podium finish in the Saudi Arabian round of the Formula 2 championship in Jeddah on Sunday. The 24-year-old proudced a perfectly-executed, measured display in Sunday's longer Feature event to finish third, making him the only driver to finish in the top-three in both races this weekend.

A SWEEP

New Zealand secures innings victory against Sri Lanka

New Zealand completed an innings and 58-run victory over Sri Lanka in the second Test in blustery Wellington on Monday to sweep the series 2-0.

The scores: New Zealand 580/4 decl. beat Sri Lanka 164 & 358 in 142 overs (Dhananjaya de Silva 98, Dinesh Chandimal 62).

DIFFERENT TAKE

Dottin refutes Gujarat Giants' claims on her omission

Deandra Dottin said in a statement on her Twitter handle that she was disappointed by the reasoning for her exclusion from the WPL by Gujarat Giants. She was replaced by Kim Garth. Dottin alleged she had been asked to submit a fitness certificate within a day when the stipulated medical tests would have taken a week.

SPECIAL ONE

Alonso takes 100th podium as Aston Martin wins appeal

Fernando Alonso took the 100th podium of his career after being reinstated as the third-place finisher at the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix early on Monday. He had finished Sunday's race in the third spot but was demoted to fourth when he was handed a 10-second penalty. However, Aston Martin's appeal against the penalty was upheld.

Harris and McGrath propel Warriorz into the playoffs

The former smashes a 41-ball 72 and the latter a 38-ball 57; the duo puts the UP innings back on the rails after it slips to 39 for three chasing Giants' 178; Hemalatha, Gardner shine for Gujarat

WPL

Shayan Acharya
MUMBAI

Timing it right: Harris put her best foot forward when Warriorz needed it the most. EMMANUAL YOGINI

UP Warriorz was reeling at 39 for three in five overs, chasing Gujarat Giants' 178 for six, when Grace Harris (72, 41b, 7x4, 4x6) walked in. With compatriot Tahlia McGrath (57, 38b, 11x4) at the other end, Harris had the daunting task of rebuilding the innings.

And the duo once again lived up to the expectations at the Brabourne Stadium on Monday and forged a crucial 78-run stand, paving the way for Warriorz' three-wicket win and ensuring a spot in the Women's Premier League playoffs.

The win meant the end of the road for Gujarat Giants and Royal Challengers Bangalore in the race for the playoffs.

After putting up a big total, riding on half-centuries by D. Hemalatha and Ashleigh Gardner, the Giants bowlers provided the team with a perfect start – dismissing Warriorz captain Alyssa Healy, Kiran Navgire and Devika Vaidya inside the PowerPlay – but the Aussie duo ensured that there were no further slip-ups.

Dealing in boundaries, both Harris and McGrath brought up their fifties in style as the Giants bowlers slowly lost their grip over the game. Warriorz needed seven off the final over and a calm Sophie Ecclestone sealed it with a boundary, and a ball to spare.

Though their bowlers gave Giants hope with early strikes, those efforts were not enough to save the team from crashing out.

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT GIANTS

Sophia Dunkley c Anjali b Rajeshwari 23 *(13b, 3x4)*, Laura Wolvaardt b Anjali 17 *(13b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Harleen Deol c Simran b Rajeshwari 4 *(7b, 1x4)*, D. Hemalatha c McGrath b Parshavi 57 *(33b, 6x4, 3x6)*, Ashleigh Gardner st. Healy b Parshavi 60 *(39b, 6x4, 3x6)*, Sushma Verma (not out) 8 *(9b, 1x4)*, Ashwani Kumari lbw b Ecclestone 5 *(5b)*, Kim Garth (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-1): 3; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 178.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-41 (Wolvaardt, 4.1 overs), 2-45 (Dunkley, 5.1), 3-50 (Harleen, 5.6), 4-143 (Hemalatha, 16.1), 5-166 (Gardner, 18.1), 6-177 (Ashwani, 19.4).

UP WARRIORZ BOWLING

Anjali 3-0-21-1, Rajeshwari 4-0-39-2, Ecclestone 4-0-27-1, Deepti 4-0-49-0, Parshavi 4-0-29-2, Harris 1-0-11-0.

UP WARRIORZ

Devika Vaidya st. Sushma b Tanuja 7 *(8b, 1x4)*, Alyssa Healy c Harleen b Monica 12 *(8b, 3x4)*, Kiran Navgire c Wolvaardt b Garth 4 *(4b, 1x4)*, Tahlia McGrath c Sneh b Gardner 57 *(38b, 11x4)*, Grace Harris c Harleen b Garth 72 *(41b, 7x4, 4x6)*, Deepti Sharma c Gardner b Sneh 6 *(5b, 1x4)*, Simran Shaikh run out 1 *(2b)*, Sophie Ecclestone (not out) 19 *(13b, 2x4)*, Anjali Sarvani (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (w-3): 3; Total (for seven wkts. in 19.5 overs): 181.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-14 (Healy, 1.5), 2-19 (Kiran, 2.4), 3-39 (Devika, 4.5), 4-117 (McGrath, 13.4), 5-130 (Deepti, 14.6), 6-172 (Harris, 18.5), 7-177 (Simran, 19.4).

GUJARAT GIANTS BOWLING

Garth 4-0-29-2, Monica 3-0-27-1, Gardner 4-0-29-1, Tanuja 4-0-32-1, Sneh 3.5-0-47-1, Harleen 1-0-17-0.

Toss: Giants; **PoM:** Harris.
Warriorz won by three wickets with a ball to spare.

Tuesday's matches: RCB vs. Mumbai Indians (3.30 p.m.); UP Warriorz vs Delhi Capitals (7.30 p.m.).

Of Shreyas' injury and Surya's struggle

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dipak Ragav
CHENNAI

Suryakumar. PTI

With less than six months to go for the World Cup, India is busy trying to figure out its combinations and bench-strength. The two-time champion lost in the semifinals of the previous two editions in 2015 and 2019, and has been looking to cover all bases to recreate the magic of its 2011 triumph at home.

In 2019, the lack of clarity in the middle-order tripped India in the semifinals against New Zealand when the top four failed to give the start. It is an area the current management has made a conscious effort in the last few years. One piece of the puzzle was pushing K.L. Rahul down the order to No. 5 as wicketkeeper bat, which has worked so far.

Another player identified to shoulder the responsibility has been Shreyas Iyer at No. 4. This spot came under scrutiny four years ago when Ambati Rayudu was jettisoned for Vijay Shankar at the eleventh hour.

But Shreyas has had a few injury setbacks recently, and the team has been experimenting with Suryakumar Yadav in his place. The dashing batter has made a tremendous impact in T20Is and was rewarded with a slot in the 50-over format ahead of the likes of Sanju Samson, but is yet to have the same level of success.

In the ongoing series against Australia, Suryakumar has been prised out for golden ducks in both matches by Mitchell Starc. After a promising start to his career in which he scored two half-centuries in the first six matches, his performances in the last 14 outings have been sub-par.

About Suryakumar's form, skipper Rohit Sharma said that he would like to see the batter do better in the longer formats. "We don't know about Shreyas' return, and at this point, a slot is available, so we have to play him. Of course, we have seen, and he knows that he has to do well in the slightly longer format of the game," said Rohit after the loss to Australia in Visakhapatnam on Sunday.

"He (Suryakumar) has shown a lot of potential with white ball, and I have said before that those guys with potential will be given a run. Right now, he has got the place when someone has been injured or unavailable. So that doesn't serve the purpose, where, as a management, we can look at performances so much," he added.

The third match in Chennai could be crucial for Suryakumar's fortunes. Another failure here could force the team management to return to the drawing board and go back to Samson or even consider promoting someone like Washington Sundar – whose batting talent could be utilised more – up the order.

Uphill task awaits Mumbai Indians, sans Bumrah, despite Archer's presence

IPL-16 COUNTDOWN

Amol Karhadkar

For well over a decade, Kieron Pollard had been an integral part of Mumbai Indians. So is the case with Jasprit Bumrah, for the most successful Indian Premier League franchise for the last 10 years. The ace India pacer, who is recuperating after a back surgery, has been ruled out of this edition of the mega event.

Rohit Sharma's men will, over the next two months, have to overcome the setback if they wish to lay their hands on the coveted trophy for the sixth time.

Bumrah's absence will mean that the key for Mumbai Indians' success, especially with the ball, will be in the hands of Jofra Archer and Cameron Green.

Archer will expect to make his maiden season with his new IPL franchise even more memorable than his fruitful outing with the Rajasthan Royals.

Green, besides filling in the all-rounder's void created by Hardik Pandya and Pollard, will also have to come in handy with the ball, perhaps even at the death, with MI struggling for a tried and tested death bowling specialist besides Archer.

During the Player Auction last December, Green became MI's most expensive signing ever. The Australian youngster – who experienced the magic of Wankhede Stadium from the visitor's change room during the recent ODI against India – will be hoping to emerge as the most valuable player in the IPL.

If Piyush Chawla, who has been re-signed by MI, can play his role as Impact Player to perfection, it will be a boost for a relatively young spin combo of Kumar Kartikeya and Hrithik Shokeen.

Game-changer

When he was signed in 2022 for a whopping ₹8 crore, Mumbai Indians looked to unleash the dream pace combination of Jasprit Bumrah and Jofra Archer. However, the Englishman was injured and couldn't bowl a ball last season.

- With Bumrah, who has been Mumbai's most successful bowler since 2013 ruled out of IPL-16, Archer will be expected to shoulder the workload
- If Archer revels in the pace-friendly pitches at the Wankhede Stadium and repeats his 2020 heroics - he was in Rajasthan Royals colours then - he would repay the faith shown in him by Mumbai Indians

The dugout

Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Ishan Kishan (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, Dewald Brevis, Tilak Varma, Cameron Green, Tim David, Hrithik Shokeen, Jofra Archer, Kumar Kartikeya, Arjun Tendulkar, Akash Madhwal, Jason Behrendorff, Piyush Chawla, Ramandeep Singh, Shams Mulani, Nehal Wadhera, Arshad Khan, Raghav Goyal, Duan Jansen, Tristan Stubbs and Vishnu Vinod (wk)

Mumbai Indians' 2023 fixtures

April 2	vs. RCB	7.30 p.m	Bengaluru
April 8	vs. CSK	7.30 p.m	Mumbai
April 11	vs. DC	7.30 p.m.	Delhi
April 16	vs. KKR	3.30 p.m.	Mumbai
April 18	vs. SRH	7.30 p.m.	Hyderabad
April 22	vs. PBKS	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai
April 25	vs. GT	7.30 p.m.	Ahmedabad
April 30	vs. RR	7.30 p.m	Mumbai
May 3	vs. PBKS	7.30 p.m	Mohali
May 6	vs. CSK	3.30 p.m.	Chennai
May 9	vs. RCB	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai
May 12	vs. GT	7.30 p.m.	Mumbai
May 16	vs. LSG	7.30 p.m.	Lucknow
May 21	vs. SRH	3.30 p.m.	Mumbai

Champion
2013
2015
2017
2019
2020

Burly hitter

Tim David, the burly hitter, showed a glimpse of his prowess during his limited opportunities in MI's forgettable 2022 campaign. It will be interesting to see how the team utilises him.

When it comes to specialist batters, Tilak Varma was one of the finds of the last season; so was Dewald Brevis. If they continue play to their potential, it will help MI's cause in a big way.

After the full revamp of 2014 and 2018, MI faltered in the first season but bounced back to win the title in the following edition. Having fared poorly last year after the full auction, the MI management will hope the team continues the trend.

For MI to have a shot at the title, the onus will be on senior statesmen Rohit Sharma and Suryakumar Yadav, especially the captain who hasn't had big seasons with the willow in recent times.

The previous occasion Rohit had a 400-run season was in 2019. In the last three editions, just four fifties have come from Rohit's willow compared to 41 in his IPL career so far.

With an aggregate of 268, a highest score of 48, a strike rate of 120 and an average below 20, the 2022 edition was Rohit's worst as a batter.

If the captain can reignite himself, MI will fancy its chances of going all the way.

(IPL-16 begins on March 31).

Delhi 'Kapps' a perfect night to go top

Capitals' day out: Kapp led the way for Delhi with a fine spell. AFP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

Delhi Capitals on Monday night had as good a game a side could have hoped for.

After reducing Mumbai Indians to 109 for eight, thanks to an outstanding effort from its bowlers and fielders, Capitals cantered to a nine-wicket win with 11 overs to spare in a Women's Premier League contest at the D.Y. Patil Stadium between two sides that have already qualified for the playoffs. The comprehensive win not only helped Capitals catch up on points – 10 – with Mumbai Indians, but also go above it on Net Run Rate.

Mumbai Indians' slide began with Marizanne Kapp striking twice off successive balls. She got the ball to move away from the left-handed Yastika Bhatia and forced a thick outside edge which was pouched by an acrobatic Taniya Bhatia behind the stumps.

Her next delivery swung into the right-handed Nat Sciver-Brunt and took the middle-stump. Jemimah Rodrigues then made a full-length dive at mid-on to send back Hayley Matthews.

Mumbai Indians got past 100 only due to Pooja Vastrakar (26, 19b, 3x4, 1x6), Issy Wong (23, 24b, 1x6) and Amanjot Kaur (19, 16b, 2x4). Capitals' openers Meg Lanning (32 n.o., 22b, 4x4, 1x6) and Shafali Verma (33, 15b, 6x4, 1x6) raced to 50 in four overs before Alice Capsey (38 n.o., 17b, 1x4, 5x6) finished the job with a flourish.

Points table

	M	W	L	Pts	NRR
Delhi Capitals (Q)	7	5	2	10	1.978
Mumbai Indians (Q)	7	5	2	10	1.725
UP Warriorz (Q)	7	4	3	8	-0.063
Royal Challengers (E)	7	2	5	4	-1.044
Gujarat Giants (E)	8	2	6	4	-2.220

After the MI-DC match on March 20 — *Q: Qualified; E: Eliminated*

SCOREBOARD

MUMBAI INDIANS

Yastika Bhatia c Taniya b Kapp 1 *(6b)*, Hayley Matthews c Jemimah b Shikha 5 *(10b, 1x4)*, Nat Sciver-Brunt b Kapp 0 *(1b)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Jemimah b Shikha 23 *(26b, 3x4)*, Amelia Kerr c Taniya b Arundhati 8 *(16b, 1x4)*, Pooja Vastrakar c Radha b Jonassen 26 *(19b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Issy Wong c Lanning b Jonassen 23 *(24b, 1x6)*, Amanjot Kaur run out 19 *(16b, 2x4)*, Humaira Kazi (not out) 2 *(2b)*; Extras (w-2): 2; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 109.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-6 (Yastika, 2.1 overs), 2-6 (Sciver-Brunt, 2.2), 3-10 (Matthews, 3.3), 4-21 (Kerr, 6.5), 5-58 (Pooja, 11.4), 6-74 (Harmanpreet, 14.5), 7-104 (Wong, 19.2), 8-109 (Amanjot, 19.6).

CAPITALS BOWLING

Kapp 4-0-13-2, Capsey 1-0-4-0, Shikha 4-0-21-2, Jonassen 4-0-25-2, Arundhati 3-0-10-1, Radha 3-0-18-0, Poonam 1-0-18-0.

DELHI CAPITALS

Meg Lanning (not out) 32 *(22b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Shafali Verma st. Yastika b Matthews 33 *(15b, 6x4, 1x6)*, Alice Capsey (not out) 38 *(17b, 1x4, 5x6)*; Extras (b-4, w-3): 7; Total (for one wkt. in 9 overs): 110.

FALL OF WICKET

1-56 (Shafali, 4.3).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Sciver-Brunt 2-0-21-0, Wong 2-0-20-0, Saika 2-0-36-0, Matthews 2-0-27-1, Kerr 1-0-2-0.

Toss: Delhi Capitals; **PoM:** Kapp.
Capitals won by nine wickets with 11 overs to spare.

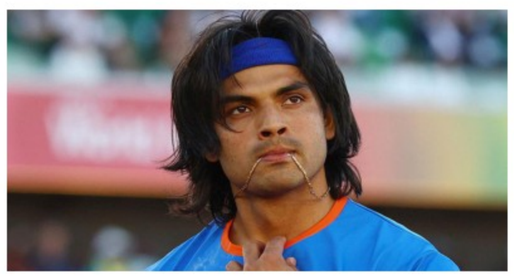
INBRIEF

Barcelona defender Araujo suffers thigh injury

Barcelona defender Ronald Araujo suffered a thigh injury during the El Clasico victory over Real Madrid, the LaLiga leader said on Monday. "Ronald Araujo has strained an adductor muscle in his left thigh, and he will not be able to play until the injury has healed," the Catalan club said in a statement. Barcelona did not say how long the 24-year-old will be out of action.

Rajasthan Royals to continue with Sangakkara

Kumar Sangakkara will continue to serve in the dual role of Rajasthan Royals' director of cricket and head coach, and will be assisted by Trevor Penney, the IPL franchise said on Monday. Lasith Malinga also continues with the franchise as fast bowling coach. The IPL 2022 finalist has also on-boarded Mon Brokman as its mental performance coach.



TOPS to support Neeraj, Rajawat, Muthusamy, Dagar

Neeraj Chopra will be training in Turkey for 61 days, the sports ministry said on Monday. The 25-year-old, who under TOPS funding had been to the same place last year, will start his stint on April 1. The Mission Olympic Cell also approved proposals to provide financial assistance to badminton players Priyanshu Rajawat and Sankar Muthusamy, and Diksha Dagar.

LIVE TELECAST

Zimbabwe vs Netherlands: 1st ODI, FanCode, 1 p.m.
South Africa vs West Indies: 3rd ODI, SS Select 1 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
WPL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30 & 7.30 p.m.

Barcelona's comeback win puts it closer to taking the title from Real

Substitute Kessie scores a stunning goal in added time; Roberto equalises for the host after Araujo's own goal puts the Madrid side ahead

EL CLASICO

Reuters
BARCELONA

LaLiga leader Barcelona's pursuit of a 27th Spanish title gained momentum after substitute Franck Kessie scored a stunning goal in added time to secure a 2-1 comeback win over Real Madrid on Sunday.

Barca took a huge step towards winning its first league title in four years by beating the champion for a third successive time.

The result left second-placed Real 12 points adrift of the leader.

Better side

Roared by almost 100,000 fans in a sold-out Camp Nou, Barca was the better side and earned a well-deserved win against a Real Madrid side that at times seemed resigned to its fate.

Down for the count! Kessie's last-gasp strike floored Real much to the delight of the Barca fans. REUTERS

It was an electrifying game from the start with Barcelona pressing high and it almost scored in the sixth minute with a point-blank header by Raphinha that Thibaut Courtois brilliantly stopped with a reflex save using his right fist.

From the rebound, Sergi Roberto fired a fierce shot inches over the bar.

But it was Real which took an early lead four minutes later after a Vinicius Jr. cross deflected off defender Ronald Araujo and went inside his own goal.

But Barcelona was quick to regroup and took control of game.

Andreas Christiansen could have scored twice from two corners and Raphinha, who was arguably Barcelona's most dangerous player, attempted an angled shot from the edge of the area that Courtois denied with another great save.

Real seemed content to sit on its lead but the strategy backfired.

At the stroke of half-time, the defence failed to clear the ball from the box and Sergi Roberto quickly pounced to fire an unstoppable strike to the left of the goalkeeper.

Barcelona did not take the foot off the gas after the break and created several opportunities.

But it was Real Madrid substitute Marco Asensio who netted a goal that could have changed the script of the game in the 81st minute.

However, his close-range effort was ruled out by the VAR after the replay showed he was fractionally offside.

Barca kept pushing for the winner and finally got it in added time when Alejandro Balde raced down the left channel and crossed to Kessie who was left unmarked in the far post.

He unleashed an unstoppable first touch strike to give Barca the win of the season.

The result:

Barcelona 2 (Roberto 45, Kessie 90+2) bt Real Madrid 1 (Araujo 9-og).

El Clasico numbers

Matches 253, Barcelona won 100, Real Madrid won 101, Drawn 52
Barcelona goals 415, Real Madrid goals 420

Hima impresses on her return by claiming the 200m with ease

INDIAN GP-1

M.R. Praveen Chandran
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Hima Das (Assam) showed no discomfort on her return from injury as she breezed to an easy win in the women's 200m in the Indian Grand Prix-1 at the LNCPE Kariyavattom here on Monday.

Hima blitzed the field and stopped the clock at 23.79, finishing nearly 10 metres ahead of second-placed Aishwarya Kailash of Maharashtra.

"I am pretty happy with the way I ran as it was my first race after the Commonwealth Games. I am happy with the timing," said Hima after the race.

Double for Hassan

Hassan Saaid (Maldivies), the 2019 South Asian Games champion, completed a double by winning the 100m and 200m races.

Class apart: Hima was too good for the competition. S. MAHINSHA

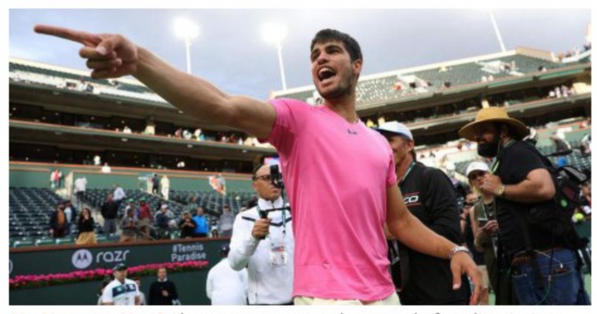
The results:

Men: 100m : 1. Hassan Saaid (Mal) 10.67s, 2. Amiya Kumar Mallick (Odi) 10.69, 3. Amit Tiwari (Del) 10.99; **200m:** 1. Hassan Saaid (Mal) 21.66, 2. Maninder Singh (Pun) 22.29, 3. Jainabaj (Del) 22.73; **800m:** 1. Krishan Kumar (Har) 1:47.26, 2. Prakash Balu Gadade (Mah) 1:50.56, 3. Ankesh Chaudhary (HP) 1.51.00; **5000m:** 1. Abhishek Pal (UP) 13:51.14, 2. Gulveer Singh (UP) 13:51.88,3. Nur Hasan (UP) 13:52.26; **400m hurdles:** 1. Santosh kumar (TN) 52.02, 2. Vijay Kumar Malik (Har) 52.31, 3. Akhil Babu (Ker) 54.11; **long jump:** 1. Nirmal Sabu (Ker) 7.58m, 2. Siddharth Mohan (Kar) 7.27, 3. Vinoth Kumar (Ker) 7.25; **triple jump:** 1. S.N. Mohammed (TN) 15.27m, 2. Pradeep Kumar (UP) 15.05; **high jump:** 1. Jesse Sandesh (Kar) 2.16m, 2. T. Aromal (Ker) 2.10, 3. Afnan Muhammed Sabi (Ker) 2.00. **shot put:** Karanveer Singh (Pun) 18.90m, 2. Sahib Singh (Del) 18.83, 3. Dhanvir Singh (Pun) 18.10; **javelin:** 1. Kishore Kumar (Odi) 81.05m, 2. D.P. Manu (Kar) 80.61, 3. Arshdeep Singh (Pun) 75.67.

Women: 100m: 1. A.T. Dhaneshwari (Kar) 11.76s, 2. Archana Suseendran (TN) 11.82, 3. Nithya Gandhe (Tel) 11.93; **200m:** 1. Hima Das (Asm) 23.70, 2. Aishwarya Kailash (Mah) 24.81, 3. V.K. Vismaya (Ker) 234.82; **800m:** 1.Chanda (Del) 2:09.18s, 2. K.M. Deeksha (MP) 2:12.06; 3. Aminath Jaaisha (Mal) 2:29.33.

5000m: 1. Ankita (Utkr) 15:55.15; 2. Sanjivani Baburao (Mah) 16:01.76, 3. Seema (HP) 16:03.64; **400m hurdles:** 1. Delna Philip (Ker) 1:01.58, 2. P. Pavithra (Ker) 1:01.58; 2. P. Pavithra (TN) 1:05.79; **long jump:** 1. Ancy Sojan (Ker) 6.49m; 2. Sandra Babu (Ker) 5.93, 3. R. Punitha (TN) 5.91; **high jump:** Rubina Yadav (Har) 1.76m, 2. N.K. Varsha (TN) 1.70; **shot put:** 1. Manpreet Kaur (Har) 16.23m, 2. Abha Khatua (Mah) 14.80, 3. M. Sharmila (TN) 12.54.

Alcaraz back as No. 1; Rybakina triumphs



Me Numero Uno! Alcaraz gestures to the crowd after dismissing Medvedev to not only take the honours in Indian Wells but also become the top-ranked player. GETTY IMAGES

Reuters
INDIAN WELLS

Top seed Carlos Alcaraz snapped Daniil Medvedev's 19-match win streak with a 6-3, 6-2 rout in the Indian Wells final on Sunday that will see him leapfrog Novak Djokovic and return to World No. 1 in the rankings.

Alcaraz enjoyed a dream start to the matchup of first-time Indian Wells finalists as he got an early break for a 2-0 lead and dropped just six points on serve as he raced through the opening set in 36 minutes. Russian fifth seed Medvedev was unable to stop the bleeding and had no answer for the Spaniard's brilliance the rest of the way.

Meanwhile in the women's final, Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan beat a misfiring Aryna Sabalenka 7-6 (11), 6-4 to claim the title and avenge her loss to the Belarusian in the Australian Open final.

The results (finals):

Men: Carlos Alcaraz bt Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-2.

Women: Elena Rybakina bt Aryna Sabalenka 7-6(11), 6-4.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Victorious: The Sports School, winner of the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 third division tournament
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tanshh stars in The Sports School's triumph

Tanshh Krishna's century (106) helped The Sports School edge Vydehi School of Excellence by two runs to clinch the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 third division tournament.

The scores (final): The Sports School 218 in 45.3 overs (Tanshh Krishna 106, Tanay 31, Tarun 3/26) bt Vydehi School of Excellence 216/9 in 50 overs (K. Rithwik 58, Sharvil 70, Krithik Raj 3/32).

Rakesh on song

R. Rakesh scored four times as HAL FC thrashed Income Tax FC 9-0 in the BDFA A-division football league championship on Monday.

The results: HAL FC 9 (Devadath 20, Desmon Gama 30, S. Tejas 34, Shrishail 57, Asher Peter 71, R. Rakesh 78, 79, 80, 90+3) bt Income Tax FC 0; Sree Gajanana FC 4 (S. Varadarajan 25, T. Shivakumar 28, N. Shivasubramanian 62, G. Kalaivanan 80) bt Tilak Memorial FC 1 (S. Biram 6); South United FC 5 (J. Shashidharan 12, G. ManiGandan 17, Md. Altab Hussain 59, Syed Ahmed 60, Sanket Anil Salokhe 80+2) bt Bangalore Gunners FC 0.

Swimming camp

The Karnataka Badminton Association will conduct a swimming coaching camp for members' and children of members' guests from April 1 to 25. For details, call 080-42788888.

Tamil Nadu women book spot in knockouts

TABLE TENNIS

K. Keerthivasan
JAMMU

The Tamil Nadu women's team, last edition's bronze medallist, booked its place in the knock-out (round of 16) with a facile 3-0 victory over Karnataka in their third Group-VIII contest of the UTT-84th Senior National and inter-state table tennis championships here on Monday. TN won its two other matches against Odisha (3-0) and Daman and Diu (3-0).

V. Kowshika and S. Yashini won their matches with 3-0 and 3-1 margins. In the third match, N. Deepika came back from being 0-2 down to win the next three (9-11, 9-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-9) against M. Anargya and ensure her team, ranked No.1 in the group, enter the pre-quarterfinals.

The Tamil Nadu men's team staged a remarkable fightback to overcome Assam 3-2 in a Group-VIII match. Down 1-2, Preyesh Suresh Raj, Tamil Nadu's number No. 1 paddler, who had lost the first tie, held his nerve against Sankab Baruah in the fourth rubber to ensure TN stay alive in the contest. In the fifth and deciding rubber, senior TN paddler Nitin Thiruvengadam closed the doors on Assam with an 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 15-13 win over Gohain Agniv Bhaskar.

Earlier, Assam produced a huge upset with a 3-2 win over top-ranked Uttar Pradesh in a men's Group-VIII tie.

The results: Men's: Group I: PSPB bt Andhra Pradesh 3-0; **Group II:** Punjab bt Sikkim 3-0; RSPB bt Nagaland 3-0; **Group III:** TTFI 1 bt Ladakh 3-0; Delhi bt Kerala 3-0; **Group IV:** Haryana bt Meghalaya 3-0; Uttarakhand bt Chhattisgarh 3-1; Telangana bt Bihar 3-0; Karnataka bt J&K 3-1; **Group VIII:** TN bt Odisha 3-0; Assam bt UP 3-2. **Round 2:** UP bt Chandigarh 3-0.

Women's: Group-I: RBI bt TTFI 1 3-0, bt J&K 3-0; **Group-II:** PSPB bt UP 3-0, bt Punjab 3-0; Kerala bt UP 3-0, bt Punjab 3-1; **Group-VIII:** TN bt Odisha 3-0, bt Daman & Diu 3-0, bt Karnataka 3-0.

Indian girls well equipped to do well in Paris: Cottalorda

BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
NEW DELHI

Stephane Cottalorda, the first ever foreign coach for Indian women boxers, is surprised to see the improvement of the home pugilists in the ongoing World women's boxing championships at the K.D. Jadhav Hall here.

Frenchman Cottalorda, who worked for a month in India in 2017, was impressed with the Indian boxers' performance.

"The difference between before and now is, there is a new team of boxers (in India). I am very surprised because when I worked here, there were eight to 10 boxers in each category and some girls, who were No. 3 or 4 or 5 in 2017, are now number one. We worked to put them in different tournaments and now everybody has increased her level," Corralorda, who is currently working as a coach with the France team, told *The Hindu*.

Cottalorda. Y.B. SARANGI

Cottalorda expected a good show from the Indian boxers in the Paris Olympics next year. "India is one of the best teams in Asia. If they qualify in all six weight categories and have a full team, you have a better chance of winning medals. I think the Indian girls are well equipped to do well in Paris."

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> **COTTALORDA**

Speaking on his own side's preparations for the home Olympics, Cottalorda said France had a special programme for each of its boxers.

"We work specially for each woman - individual, technical, tactical and physical, for each girl we have a singular plan.

"This year, in June, we have the continental event (the European Games in Krakow, Poland), which is an Olympic qualifying event. After this World championship, we have a tournament in Italy (before the Olympic qualifier). It's very important for us to get a big team for Paris (Games), not just in numbers but also in terms of talent," said Cottalorda.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

In Association with
District Administration and Zilla Panchayat, Bagalakote

Laying of Foundation Stone, Inauguration of Various programme and Beneficiaries Summit in Mudhola Assembly Constituency

Date: 21.03.2023, Tuesday Time : 4.00 p.m.
Venue: Ranna Stadium, Lokapura Raod, Mudhola

Inauguration by:
Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister, GoK

Sri Govind M. Karajola Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department, (Major and Medium Irrigation), GoK Minister in-charge of Belagavi district. inspecting the progress of the work with the officials

August Presence:

Sri. C. C. Patil
Hon'ble Minister of Public Works Department and Bagalakote District In-charge Minister, GoK

Sri R. Ashok
Hon'ble Minister of Revenue Department, GoK

Sri B. C. Nagesh
Hon'ble Minister of Primary & Secondary Education and Sakala, GoK

Sri B. Kota Sreenivasa Poojary
Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare and Backward Classes Department and Leader of Legislative Assembly, GoK

Sri V. Sunil Kumar
Hon'ble Minister of Energy and Kannada & Culture Department, GoK

Sri Bhairati Basavaraj
Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, GoK

Dr. Murugesh R. Nirani
Hon'ble Minister of Major and Medium Industry and Kalaburagi District In-charge Minister, GoK

Sri Araga Jnanendra
Hon'ble Home Minister, GoK

Sri B. Sriramulu
Hon'ble Minister of Transport and Backward Classes Welfare Department Minister, GoK

Sri J. C. Madhuswamy
Hon'ble Minister of Small Irrigation, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, GoK

Sri K. C. Narayana Gowda
Hon'ble Minister of Sericulture, Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, GoK

Sri N. Nagaraja (MTB)
Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Administration Department, GoK

Presided by:

Sri Govind M. Karajola
Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Department, (Major and Medium Irrigation), GoK Minister in-charge of Belagavi district.

Chief Guests:

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Forment Chief Minister and Opposition leader, Legislative Council and MLA, Badami

Sri Siddu Savadi
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Terdala and Chairman, Karnataka Handcraft Development Corporation Limited, Hubballi

Sri Hanumantha R. Nirani
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Sri. Ananda S. Nyamagouda
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assemble, Jamakhandi

Sri. P. H. Pujara
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Sri. Prakash Hukkeri
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Sri P. C. Gaddigoudara
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bagalakote

Sri Doddanagouda G. Patil
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembe, Hunagunda

Dr. Veeranna C. Charnatimutt
Hon'ble Chairman, Bagalakote Town Development Authority and MLA, Bagalakore

Sri. Sunilagouda B. Patil
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council

Sri. Sahajirao D. Mane
Hon'ble Chairman, Town Municipal, Mudhola

Special Invitees All the MPs, MLAs, MLCs, Zilla Panchayat, Taluk Panchayat and Grama Panchayat of Bagalakote District.

Various Development Work details coming under Mudhol Voting Segment

- **Mantur Mahalaxmi Lift Irrigation Scheme** undertaken at a cost of **Rs. 228.00 crores** near Galagali village of Bagalkote District. Lifting water from Krishna River to suffering areas of Ghataprabha left bank main canal from Km 103.00 to 109.00 during the monsoon season.
- **Melligeri-Halagali LIS:-** Laying of foundation stone for the **Rs. 197.00 crore** Melligeri-Halagali LIS Irrigation Project, lifting water from the Krishna river near Galagali Village and creation of fresh areas of 3535 Ha in Mudhol and Bilagi Taluk of Bagalkot District.
- **Mareguddi LIS :-** Laying of foundation stone for the **Rs. 216.50 crore** Mareguddi LIS Irrigation Project, lifting water from the Krishna river near Galagali Village and creation of fresh areas of 2035.00 Ha and 31 Check dams and 4 Tank filling in Mudhol and Jamakhandi Taluk of Bagalkot District.
- Under Ghataprabha right bank and left bank canal development work, bridge construction and road construction of **Rs. 44.50 crore** are being undertaken.
- Construction of alternative 120 Houses in Mudhol town due to flood affected from Ghataprabha River in Mudhola town under Mudhol Constituency for **Rs. 14.40 Crores** under SCP scheme.
- Construction of pre-matric girls/boys hostel is being carried out under SCP scheme at a cost of **Rs. 28.75 crores** in Mudhol constituency.
- Under SCP/ TSP scheme under Mudhol Constituency, works are being carried out to provide individual Borewell / Group irrigation facility to the eligible beneficiaries of **Rs. 30.00 Crores.**
- Construction of Community House is being undertaken under the SCP scheme at a cost of **Rs. 2.00 crores** in Mudhol Constituency.
- Commercial Shopping Complex will be constructed at a cost of **Rs. 4.96 crores** in GLBC area belonging to Irrigation Department at Mudhol City.
- Inauguration of the Mudhol Taluka Administration Building constructed at a cost of **Rs. 14.90 crores**. The said administrative building is three storied and has an area of 1985.00 square meters per floor

All are cordially invited

Sunilkumar, IAS
District Commissioner, Bagalakore

T. Bhupalan, IAS
Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalakote

Jayaparakasha, IAS
District Superintendent of Police, Bagalakote

Rakesh Singh, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources

Krishnamurthy B Kulkarni, KES
Secretary, Water Resources

Mallikarjuna B Gunge, KES
Managing Director

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ADMISSION TO POSTGRADUATE AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES -2023

JNCASR invites online applications for admission to the following degree programmes:

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Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Chemistry with an option to specialize in Materials Chemistry or Chemical Biology or Energy. Applicants possessing a minimum of 55% marks at the Bachelor's degree in any branch of Science with Chemistry as a major subject and who have qualified the Joint Admissions Test for Masters (JAM) 2023 are eligible to apply.

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Integrated Ph.D Programmes in Physical Science, Chemical Science and Biological Science. Candidates should have a minimum of 55% marks at the Bachelor's level. Those appearing in the final examination of their Bachelor's degree this year may also apply. Candidates qualified in the Joint Admissions test for Masters (JAM) 2023 are encouraged to apply.

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Applicants are advised to visit the website **http://www.jncasr.ac.in/admission/degree-programmes** for detailed information about these programmes, their eligibility criteria, fellowships etc. **The last date for submission of online applications is 19th April 2023.**

Sd/-
Academic Coordinator

Office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No. 17/2022-23 Dated: 18.03.2023

Short Term Tender invited from qualified contractors for the works through e-procurement portal as per standard bid document. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Documents may be downloaded from Dt : **20-03-2023** & last date for submission of tenders Dt : **27-03-2023** up to **16.00** hours. Date of opening of Technical bid Dt : **28-03-2023** at **16.30** hours (If possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-Procurement. No of works 01. Estimate Cost Rs. 500.00 lakhs.

For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer,**
PWD Ramanagar Division, Ramanagara.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Yelahanka Division),
3rd Floor, Mini Vidhana Soudha, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064.

No: EE/RI/YNK/TEND/16/2022-23 **Date: 20-03-2023**

CORRIGENDUM-1
(Short Term Tender Notification)

Ref.: This Office Tender Notification No: EE/RI/YNK/TEND/16/2022-23, Dated: 18-03-2023.

Name of the Work: Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the works of Construction of Grade Separator at Kempegowda Circle, Old Yelahanka.

This is to notify that due to Technical problem the tenders for the above work are postponed. The revised calendar of events for above notification are as below.

1) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals: **27-03-2023 upto 17.30 Hrs. 2)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals: **29-03-2023 after 10.30 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial Proposals: **will be intimated to the bidders.**

In the above tender notification RFP document all Other Terms and Conditions of the notification is remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (RI-Yelahanka), BBMP.

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